



**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FRED KOREMATSU DAY**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2235-1**

WHEREAS, Wednesday, January 30 is designated and set apart as Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution, a day having special significance; and

Whereas, Fred Korematsu Day is an occasion to recognize the extraordinary bravery of one individual. Fred Korematsu's refusal to enter Japanese internment camps during World War II, his subsequent arrest and conviction, and the issues raised by the U.S. Supreme Court Case, *Korematsu v. United States* stand as landmark legislation in civil rights discrimination and political scapegoating, including mass-incarceration; and

Whereas, the recent rulings on immigration and travel bans have a significant and lifelong impact on the social, emotional, and physical health of children in the county;

Whereas, Santa Clara County serves a diverse community and the Santa Clara County Office of Education exists to meet the emerging needs of the community. We support equity and inclusion, and we are committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes for all students in the region; and

Whereas, according to a recent report from the County of Santa Clara Office of Immigrant Relations 59-percent of all children that reside in Santa Clara County have at least one immigrant parent;

Whereas, one of our partnerships in our Civic Engagement Initiative includes the Santa Clara County Superior Court; and

Whereas, the Santa Clara County Superior Court will honor Fred Korematsu with two upcoming events 'Speaking Up! Fred Korematsu's Legacy for the 21st Century' on Saturday, January 26 a panel discussion of Korematsu's actions, and what it means for students and citizens in today's world. On Wednesday, January 30 the Superior Court will host a discussion about the history and legacy of the Korematsu Decisions, especially including the "disaffirmance" of *Korematsu v. United States* in the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision relating to the travel ban; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the January 30 as "Fred Korematsu Day" pursuant to California Education Code Section 37222.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SCCOE urges school districts in Santa Clara County to observe Fred Korematsu Day with appropriate programs and activities.

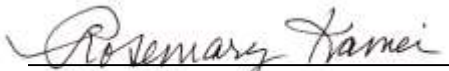
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 16, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, Vice President Song, Trustee Di Salvo, King, Mah, Ortiz, and Rossi

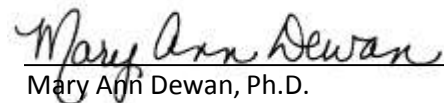
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools