

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2314-2**

**WHEREAS**, the month of March is designated as Women's History Month, a month-long celebration to commemorate and encourage the study of the vital role women play in American history. The 2023 theme is, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," to encourage women to be recognized who have been a part of all types of media, past and present. This theme is intended to celebrate women who have devoted their lives to support storytelling, news dissemination and pursuing truth; and

**WHEREAS**, each March, Women's History is celebrated in local schools, school districts, and broader communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is an organization that operates under four main principles equity, inclusion, diversity, and partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has established partnerships to promote female leadership such as with the Association of California School Administrators Region 8 Women's Leadership Network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education leads the Power of Democracy, which is a civic engagement initiative which is designed to teach youth about how democracy works, promote understanding of governmental systems, provide a platform for sharing resource, and continue to build strong communities through civic participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Santa Clara County schools have strong women leaders in the classrooms and in administrative positions. According to the California Department of Education, in the 2022-23 school year, over 115,000 students identified as female and over 7,000 full time employees identified as female; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa County Board of Education, which is composed of seven elected officials, has five female-identifying members: Area 6 representative, Maimona Afzal Berta; Area 5 representative, Board President, Victoria Chon; Area 7 representative, Raena Lari; Area 1 representative, Grace H. Mah; and Area 2 representative, Vice President Tara Sreekrishnan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education recognizes female leaders such as Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris, a Bay Area native; Civil Rights Activist Maya Angelou, who was also San Francisco's first black female streetcar conductor; Silicon Valley technology trailblazer Judith Estrin; Astronaut Megan McArthur, St. Francis High School Alumni; and Santa Clara County Public Health Officer, Dr. Sara Cody who has been nationally recognized for her efforts in the fight against COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education constantly works towards creating a more diverse and welcoming place for all students to succeed and thrive; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize the month of March as Women's History Month and supports women in education in Santa Clara County and encourages women's history education in our classrooms.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 15, 2023, by the following vote:

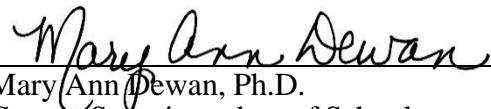
AYES: President Chen, Vice President Sreekrishnan, and Trustees Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Berta

  
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Victoria Chen, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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