

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2294-2

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 2022 theme for Women's History Month is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," as a tribute to the continuous work of caregivers and frontline workers during the ongoing pandemic and in recognition of the various ways women from all cultures have provided healing and hope throughout history; 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, a civic engagement initiative which promotes all Santa Clara County youth to become self-reliant, active, and contributing participants in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Santa Clara County schools have strong women leaders in classrooms and in administrative positions. The most recent data indicates that in Santa Clara County nearly 75 percent of teachers identify as female, and 48 percent of students in Santa Clara County identify as female; and

WHEREAS, the Santa County Board of Education, which is composed of seven elected officials, has five female members: Vice President and Area 5 representative, Victoria Chon; Area 3 representative, Rosemary Kamei; Area 1 representative, Grace H. Mah; Area 7 representative, Claudia Rossi; and Area 2 representative, 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, and 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 promotes the vision of ensuring that students have access to high-quality, culturally relevant, diverse, and inclusive education which inspires all children to take an active part in civic processes and become part of the story of our nation; and

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 16, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon and Trustees Di Salvo, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

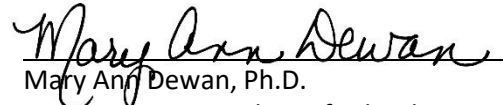
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustees Kamei and Rossi



Peter Ortiz, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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