

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2435-1**

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; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme is, "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion". This theme is intended to celebrate women who work towards eliminating bias and discrimination in society for us to move forward in unison; 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 (SCCOE) is an organization that operates under four main principles: equity, inclusion, diversity, and partnership; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE has established partnerships to promote women in leadership such as with the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 8 Women's Leadership Network; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE leads the Power of Democracy, a civic engagement initiative designed to teach youth about how democracy works, promote understanding of governmental systems, provide a platform for sharing resources, and continue to build strong communities through civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE), which is composed of seven elected officials, includes five women: Board President, Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6; Victoria Chon, Area 5; Grace H. Mah, Area 1; Raena Lari, Area 7; and Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE recognizes woman leaders such as United States Vice President, Kamala Harris, a Bay Area native; Civil Rights Activist Maya Angelou, who was also San Francisco's first Black woman streetcar conductor; Silicon Valley technology trailblazer Judith Estrin; Astronaut Megan McArthur, St. Francis High School alumna; Janet Gray Hayes first woman to be elected mayor of a major city with more than 500,000 people; and Blanco Alvarado, the first Latina elected to the San Jose City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE constantly works towards creating a more diverse and welcoming place for all students to succeed and thrive; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize the month of March as Women's History Month, supporting women in education in Santa Clara County, and encouraging women's history education in our classrooms.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 21, 2024, by the following vote:

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

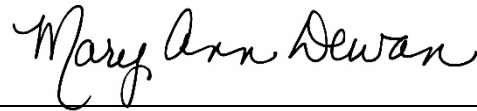
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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