

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2458 - 1**

WHEREAS, the month of March is designated as Women’s History Month, a month-long celebration to commemorate and encourage the vital role women play in American history; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme from the National Women’s History Alliance is, “Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations.” This theme is intended to celebrate the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership; 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 Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE), which is composed of seven elected officials, including five women: Board President, Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6; Vice President Victoria Chon, Area 5; Jessica Speiser Area 1; Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2, and Raeena Lari, Area 7; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE recognizes woman leaders establishing legacies and pathways for future generations in the greater Santa Clara County community. Such leaders include 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; Blanca Alvarado, the first Latina elected to the San José City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and Betty Duong, the first Vietnamese American elected to 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 Interim 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 classrooms.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 26, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Charles Hinman, Ed.D.
Interim County Superintendent of Schools