

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

RESOLUTION No. 2218-2

WHEREAS, The advocacy efforts of the National Women's History Project led to an annual observance of Women's History Month, which highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society and is celebrated during March in the United States;

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our society in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, the leadership of women in elected office including the contributions of our own County Board of Education trustees serves as an example of community and civic engagement for girls and women in our county;

WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, which create a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, labor, business and in study of history; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no monuments honoring women in the City of San Jose, and the County Office of Education supports the efforts of Former US Treasurer Rosie Rios to rectify this omission as well as update curriculum to include the contributions of women throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education provides opportunities for students to learn about the contributions of women in history through our civics initiative and events like National History Day with over 200 students participating;

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has encouraged pathways for girls to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) careers and the under-representation of women in non-traditional careers by supporting teachers through professional development and intends to partner with the Alliance for Girls to raise awareness and expand opportunities; and

WHEREAS, over 300 county students participated in both the Middle School Youth Conference and Empowerment 2020 as an opportunity to develop their leadership skills as well as assisting female educators in advancing in their career through the Women in Leadership Symposium;

WHEREAS, additional education is needed to increase the knowledge of all citizens relative to the contributions of women and opportunities for girls and women to develop their leadership skills and to eliminate bias in education and the workforce;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools honors the contributions that women have made throughout history and commit to support efforts to improve opportunities for girls and women.

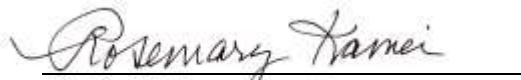
Passed and adopted by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on March 7, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei and members Di Salvo, King, Rossi, Mah and Song

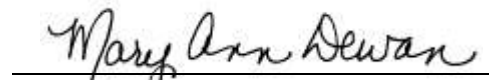
NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: member Green



Rosemary Kamei, President
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Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools