

## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY**

## SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No: 2316-4

WHEREAS, April 2, 2023 is Education and Sharing Day U.S.A., an annual recognition celebrating leaders of the next generations and advocates for education; and

WHEREAS, the day was established in 1978 by a joint Congressional resolution, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter on April 18, 1978, coinciding with the birthday of the renowned leader in Judaism, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson; and

**WHEREAS**, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson dedicated his life to educating people around the world about diversity, inclusiveness, and justice, with a focus on education; and

**WHEREAS**, the President, Governors, State Legislators, and educational entities throughout the country acknowledge this day by prioritizing education and discussing the importance of education in society; and

**WHEREAS,** the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) has historically celebrated Education and Sharing Day U.S.A. in conjunction with Legislative Action Days; and

**WHEREAS**, during Legislative Action Days, ACSA staff advise members on how to lobby for education and support for education at the state and federal level; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 400 education leaders throughout the state have joined ACSA by bringing teams to lobby for education for approximately 6.1 million students residing in California. This year's Legislative Action Days will be held virtually on April 17, 2023 and April 18, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** the California School Boards Association hosted a virtual Legislative Action Week March 14, 2023 through March 16, 2023, with the intent of connecting local school board members with California representatives and their staff to discuss critical issues facing the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is committed to improving student equity and access to high-quality education, and providing quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** through the creation of resources such as the Ways 2 Equity Playbook, the SCCOE promotes equity, inclusion and belonging, valuing every student; and

**WHEREAS,** the SCCOE also provides resources such as the My Name My Identity Toolkit designed in partnership with the National Association for Bilingual Education, highlights different cultures and languages spoken by Santa Clara County youth to promote inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, prioritized family, education and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE recognizes that access to early education has a direct impact on student success; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE continues to advocate for early learning in Santa Clara County by promoting the SCCOE's Steps to Success campaign. The campaign aims to increase enrollment and attendance in early learning programs while increasing public awareness about the importance of early education. This campaign works to ensure every child has a strong foundation for success in life; so

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize Education and Sharing Day U.S.A. on April 2, 2023 and supports history's greatest teachers and their foundation for meaningful education.

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

AYES: President Chon, Vice President Sreekrishnan, and Trustees Berta, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: none

Victoria Chon, President Santa Clara County Board of Education

Mar (Ann) Pewan, Ph.D. County Superintendent of Schools