

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2680-1**

WHEREAS, Arab American Heritage Month is an opportunity to share the historical contributions of Arab and Arab American people across various fields; and

WHEREAS, each April since 2017, the United States (U.S.) has celebrated Arab and Arab American culture and contributions to our nation and local community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State estimates there are three and a half million Arab Americans in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in California, 740,219 people belong to the Middle Eastern and North African community, of which an estimated 373,012 are Arab American; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education (CDE), the Santa Clara County Board of Education, and the County Superintendent of Schools encourage all schools and local educational agencies to proactively communicate with educators and staff the importance of celebrating diversity and preventing bullying based on students' real or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, or religion; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education recognizes the significant contributions of Arab and Arab American individuals in our community, state, and the world, as leaders, scientists, politicians, educators, public servants, and more; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing April as Arab American Heritage Month and celebrate the diversity and contributions of the Arab and Arab American community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on March 18, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tara Sreekrishnan



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools