Santa Clara County Office of Education

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2681-1

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized nationally as Myositis Awareness Month, bringing attention to rare, chronic autoimmune diseases that cause muscle inflammation, weakness, and significant impacts on quality of life; and

WHEREAS, myositis encompasses a group of idiopathic inflammatory myopathies, including dermatomyositis, juvenile dermatomyositis, polymyositis, inclusion body myositis, antisynthetase syndrome, immune mediated necrotizing myopathy, and related conditions, which can also affect the lungs, skin, and other vital organs; and

WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, often leading to delayed treatment and challenges in accessing specialized medical care, and individuals living with myositis frequently experience pain, fatigue, reduced mobility, and shortened life expectancy for certain forms of the disease; and

WHEREAS, families in Santa Clara County and across California are affected by myositis and other rare diseases, and increased awareness is essential to improving early diagnosis, advancing research, reducing health disparities, and supporting affected individuals and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community through education, research, patient support, and public awareness, and is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month from May 1 through May 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County Board of Education are committed to supporting the health, well-being, and inclusion of students, staff, families, and the broader community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby recognize May 2026 as Myositis Awareness Month, and encourages community members to learn more about myositis, support those living with these rare diseases, and promote understanding, compassion, and inclusion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 1, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishnan
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Jorge Pacheco

Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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