

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 2461-5**

**WHEREAS**, National Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed each April to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it, and support survivors of sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence is a pervasive issue that affects individuals of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, including students, educators, and staff within our educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, schools and educational organizations have a critical responsibility to foster safe, respectful, and inclusive environments where all individuals can learn, work, and thrive without fear of violence or harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, education is one of the most powerful tools to prevent sexual assault, and it is vital to integrate age-appropriate prevention programs, consent education, and bystander intervention strategies within school curricula and campus initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to supporting survivors, promoting healing and justice, and upholding policies and practices that address and prevent sexual misconduct in all its forms; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the Interim County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, reaffirming their commitment to providing a safe and supportive educational environment, and pledge to continue raising awareness, offering resources, and fostering partnerships that prevent sexual violence and promote equity and dignity for all.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 16, 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