

**RESOLUTION RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No: 2318-4**

**WHEREAS**, the week of May 8-12, 2023 shall be recognized as National Teacher Appreciation Week by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and California Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the 81st Congress of the United States of America to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, National Teacher Appreciation Week was established as the first full week in May in 1985 by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA); and

**WHEREAS**, the state of California also recognizes May 10, 2023 as California Day of the Teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Day of the Teacher is celebrated on the second Wednesday of May. California has patterned its celebration after the traditional El Día del Maestro festivities observed in Mexico and other Latin American countries; and

**WHEREAS**, California's Day of the Teacher arose out of legislation co-sponsored by the California Teachers Association and the Association of Mexican American Educators. Senator Joseph Montoya wrote the bill and it was adopted in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of our children and communities and the success of our nation, state, and county are considerably influenced by exemplary teachers who devote their heart and mind to helping our public schools and youth excel; and

**WHEREAS**, the teaching profession should be afforded high public esteem, and reflect a community's value on public education; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers employ countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students while filling roles of listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa County Office of Education Educator Preparation Programs (EPP) program prepares candidates to earn their Preliminary Education Specialist Instruction Credential to become teacher specialists in inclusive classrooms. EPP provides instructional and experiential opportunities to work with families, develop collaborative skills, and become proficient classroom managers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education believes teachers serve in partnership with parents to provide the appropriate education for all children, provide opportunities for students to develop skills and goals for success in life and work, and inspire students to think strategically and to form reasoned judgments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the County's 15,000+ Certificated Staff, including 13,000+ classroom teachers and 1,300 Pupil Services Staff, and recognizes them as extraordinary heroes who approach change with grace, determination, and dedication for students, families, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa County Office of Education is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success; and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing May 8 through 12, 2023 as the National Teacher Appreciation Week.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 3, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chon, Vice President Sreekrishnan, and Trustees Berta, Di Salvo, Mah, and Rocha

NOES: none

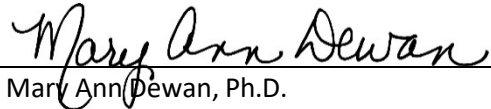
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Trustee Lari



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Victoria Chon, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools