

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY AND NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No: 2291-2

WHEREAS, May 11, 2022, is recognized as National School Nurse Day; and,

WHEREAS, this day was established in 1972 as National School Nurse Day to recognize and honor school nurses for not only supporting the physical well-being of children but also their academic success; and,

WHEREAS, the National Education Association (NEA) established the Department of School Nurses on July 4, 1968; and,

WHEREAS, the NEA Department of School Nurses is dedicated to improving student health, and advocating for the advancement of the school nursing practice; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is recognized annually from May 6-12 and National School Nurse Day is to be celebrated on the Wednesday of that week; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) acknowledges the dedication and hard work of school nurses throughout Santa Clara County and the state of California, not just on National School Nurse Day, but throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, school nurses have played an instrumental role during the COVID-19 pandemic, significantly contributing to the ability to bring students back to school for full in-person instruction; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to taking on new tasks such as COVID-19 testing, PPE distribution, and vaccination support, school nurses have remained a primary medical resource for children with diverse and complex health problems; and

WHEREAS, their work also plays a critical role in coordinating school responses to health challenges associated with immigration, homelessness, divorce, remarriage, poverty, substance abuse and violence; and,

WHEREAS, throughout the 2021-2022 school year the SCCOE has been supporting a recruitment campaign to encourage school nurses to serve the Santa Clara County Schools; and,

WHEREAS, the SCCOE is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize May 11, 2022, as National School Nurse Day and the week of May 6-12, 2022, as National Nurses Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 4, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: President Ortiz, Vice President Chon and Trustees Di Salvo, Kamei, Mah, Rossi, and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none ABSTAIN: none ABSENT: none

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Santa Clara County Board of Education

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools