

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2319-3

WHEREAS, June 19th is nationally recognized as Juneteenth - the oldest known American celebration of the ending of slavery; and

WHEREAS, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19th to announce the Civil War had ended and the enslaved were now free. Juneteenth Day celebrations have since been held to commemorate African American freedom from slavery.; and

WHEREAS, honoring this day, more than 150 years later, helps us learn our history and better understand the experiences of African Americans that shaped this nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) advocates for the continuance of the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth to acknowledge and condemn the atrocities and degradation of our shared past and honors this day of resilience in the face of injustice and inhumanity for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE acknowledges the historical relevance of this significant event and the generational trauma that accompanies being subject to racism, discrimination, and prejudice as a barrier to positive mental and physical health and well-being, economic opportunity, and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE joined the African American Community Service Agency at the 41st annual Juneteenth festival on June 18, 2022 to celebrate the national holiday; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE remains committed to improving student equity and access to high quality education as well as to providing quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities; and,

WHEREAS, professional learning opportunities and supports are available to the educators through the History-Social Science, Civic Engagement, and the Inclusion Collaborative; now

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize and honor June 19th as National Juneteenth and remain committed to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 17, 2023, by the following vote:

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

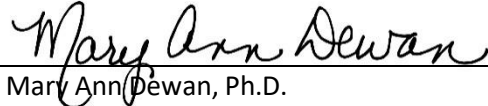
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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