

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS NATIONAL IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 2319-2**

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the month of June as National Immigrant Heritage Month acknowledges and celebrates the accomplishments and contributions immigrants have made shaping the history and enriching the culture of the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, whether arriving to seek safety or opportunity, immigrants are integral to the identity and growth of California. Many Californians can trace their heritage to other nations. According to the Public Policy Institute of California, 27 percent of California's population was foreign-born, which is almost double the percentage of the country and the highest of any state; and,

**WHEREAS**, 39 percent of the nearly 2 million residents in Santa Clara County are foreign-born, and 60 percent of children in the county have at least one foreign-born parent; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Clara Office of Immigrant Relations welcomes, includes, and supports the immigrant community through community service, engagement and advocacy. The Office of Immigrant Relations also provides educational opportunities to young adults through its New American Fellowship, which offers students of mixed status with a unique experience to build their leadership and professional skills by learning and contributing to county services and programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, to provide inclusive, equitable, high-quality education to every child in the county, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) creates, establishes and sustains initiatives and programs that encourage students to learn about and embrace different cultures; and,

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with the National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), the SCCOE launched the My Name, My Identity Initiative, a campaign that promotes awareness of valuing students' cultures and languages by learning about their stories, unique names and proper pronunciations. A [My Name, My Identity toolkit](#) has been created to support educators in their lessons creating inclusive classrooms; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE celebrates National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month during April, engaging students, families, educators, and the greater community in the strengths of reading, speaking and writing in multiple languages. An advocacy month showcase and student art exhibit was held on April 27 as part of National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Inclusion Collaborative of the SCCOE builds a culture that promotes equity, inclusion and belonging, valuing every student by strengthening, sustaining, and ensuring inclusive practices. The Inclusion Collaborative provides training and coaching to educators, families, after-school programs and community agencies to reduce and remove barriers for everyone in the community and learning environments. In addition, the Inclusion WarmLine offers individualized supports in multiple languages for parents, teachers, and community members working with children with a variety of needs.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize and honor June as National Immigrant Heritage Month.

**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

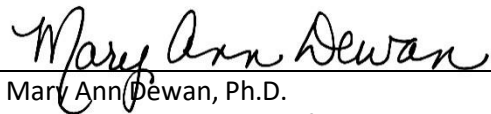
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



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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