

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2684-3

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Lyme disease is primarily caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected blacklegged ticks; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne illness in the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, the blacklegged tick is found in 50 percent of the U.S. counties with a concentration in the Northeast, upper Midwest, and Western regions of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, when Lyme and tick-borne diseases are not quickly and properly diagnosed or treated, it may result in severe illness, disability, or death. In 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added Lyme disease to the list of disease agents that have been linked to chronic symptoms; and

WHEREAS, ticks that carry Lyme disease can carry other pathogens, many of which are reported in California and often cause co-infections (an infection with more than one tick-borne pathogen), which complicates diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, to protect ourselves from potential tick bites while in a tick habitat, the [County of Santa Clara Mosquito and Vector Control District](#) suggests staying in the middle of trails and to avoid touching logs, tree trunks, grassy areas, fallen branches, and leaf piles; and

WHEREAS, students who are affected by Lyme disease and Lyme disease-like symptoms may be at greater risk of having their school attendance impacted; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 20, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tara Sreekrishnan



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools