

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION No. 2464-12**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized as Lyme Disease Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, tick-borne diseases are a clinical diagnosis based on symptoms, physical findings, and the potential of exposure to infected ticks or their habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, to protect ourselves from potential tick bites while in a tick habitat, the [Santa Clara County 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 21, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



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Maimona Afzal Berta, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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