

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION No. 2283-2

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; and,

WHEREAS, Juneteenth Day celebrations have since been held to commemorate African American freedom from slavery. 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 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, BE IT 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.

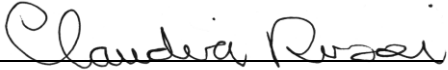
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on June 9, 2021, by the following vote:

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

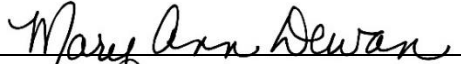
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Claudia Rossi, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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