

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2686-1**

**WHEREAS**, July 26 is the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On July 26, 1990, the United States (U.S.) was the first country to draft and sign a comprehensive piece of legislation that remains a driving force towards equal opportunity, inclusion, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for the forty-four million U.S. residents with disabilities in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA prohibits disability discrimination by state and local governments, provides standards for access to public spaces and telecommunications, protects people with disabilities from workplace discrimination, and protects the right to equal access to health care, social services, and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, a fundamental freedom of the U.S. is that all people, regardless of their abilities, are deserving of equal dignity, respect, and opportunity. It is because of the ADA that generations of people with disabilities have been granted the same assurances as their non-disabled peers; and

**WHEREAS**, expansive initiatives uplift people with disabilities throughout the year. These recognitions include Disability Pride Month in July and Disability Employment Awareness Month in October; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is committed to its key principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership and continues to promote equal access and opportunities to high-quality learning and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE supports local educational agencies in meeting the needs of all students; 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 and celebrating July 26, 2026, as the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act - a defining moment in Civil Rights law.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on June 10, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Maimona Afzal Berta, Jorge Pacheco



Victoria Chon, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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