

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LESBIAN, GAY, TRANSGENDER, QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2204-2**

**WHEREAS**, June is a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; and

**WHEREAS**, California state law addresses discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying towards LGBTQ youth, there have been numerous studies indicating the inequities experienced by the LGBTQ community, including poverty, homelessness, school harassment, physical assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, mental health issues, and substance abuse concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying in schools is a serious matter that impacts student health and safety, and aims to develop engaged students, healthy families, safe schools, and strong communities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2017 Project Cornerstone data report 2,426 Santa Clara County students identified as LGBTQ (7%) and were 3 times more likely to attempt suicide, 1.5 times more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol, and only 11% felt valued by the community; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to focus on localized efforts that support LGBTQ youth including student and school resources that focus on positive behavioral interventions and support, resources on school climate that address bullying and parent engagement, as well as tools for student health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, through interagency collaborations, the Santa Clara County School Climate Leadership Team and Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Safe and Healthy Schools program is working to cultivate positive and safe school environments to empower youth with confidence and knowledge to successfully navigate and improve the ever-changing world:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools proclaim June 2017 as LGBTQ Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county.

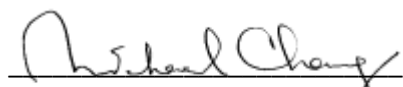
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on June 14, 2017 by the following vote:

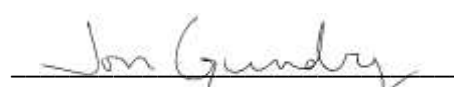
AYES: President Chang, Vice President Kamei, members Rossi, Green, and Mah

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: members Di Salvo and Song

  
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Dr. Michael Chang, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education

  
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Jon R. Gundry  
County Superintendent of Schools