

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AMERICAN MUSLIM APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2688-2**

WHEREAS, the month of August is recognized as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month to highlight contributions of Muslims to American history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the first significant migration of Muslims to America was during the three centuries of the slave trade, where an estimated 10 to 50 percent of the 10 million Africans brought to America against their will were Muslims; and

WHEREAS, California History-Social Science standards include lessons on analyzing the geographic, political, economic, religious, and social structures of the civilizations of Islam, including within world history and geography; and

WHEREAS, approximately 250,000 Muslims live in the San Francisco Bay Area and make up at least 3.5 percent of the population. Santa Clara County has a thriving community with over 60,000 Muslim residents who make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, uplifting the awareness of invaluable contributions and experiences of American Muslims in Santa Clara County helps strengthen a more inclusive community for everyone and extends a sense of belonging that everyone deserves; 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 August as American Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on July 15, 2026, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Jorge Pacheco



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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