

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2468-4

WHEREAS, July is disability Pride Month, celebrating the contributions of people with disabilities, raising awareness about disability issues, and honoring the diverse identities and experiences of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month coincides with the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) being signed into law on July 26, 1990, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 61 million adults in the United States (U.S.) have a disability, whereas more than 3 million children in the U.S. have a disability; and

WHEREAS, more than seven million adults with disabilities call California home. The state provides one in eight kids with disability services in schools. 3.2 percent of children in Santa Clara County live with a major disability; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) remains committed to equity and inclusion, and offering supports to schools and districts to create communities that are welcoming and inclusive of all abilities and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, through programs such as the Innovations Collaborative, the SCCOE offers coaching and professional development regarding person-first terminology, inclusion, inclusive practices, and welcoming and belonging; 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 the month of July as Disability Pride Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on July 16, 2025, by the following vote:

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

NOES: none ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Victoria Chon

Maimona Afzal Berta, President Santa Clara County Board of Education

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Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.

County Superintendent of Schools