

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2444-1**

WHEREAS, July 26, 2024, is the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The signing of this historic act was and remains a declaration of equality for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, 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. citizens 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, 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. The SCCOE continues to advocate for policy change that promotes inclusive practices and acknowledges the strengths that are made possible through diversity; and

WHEREAS, more than forty-four million U.S. citizens, 13.4 percent, have a disability according to the [United States Census](#); and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE remains a front runner in providing inclusive educational opportunities for individuals of various abilities and supporting local educational agencies in meeting the needs of all students; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing and celebrating July 26, 2024, 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 July 17, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

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Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

Handwritten signature of Mary Ann Dewan in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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