

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2571-2**

**WHEREAS**, October is designated LGBTQ+ History Month, a month-long celebration of the history of the diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, plus community and the importance of civil rights movements in progressing gay rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance was created by Rodney Wilson, a history teacher at a Missouri high school, in 1994. In 1995, the General Assembly of the National Education Association (NEA) added LGBTQ+ History Month to the list of commemorative months in a resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, contributing to October being chosen as the month to celebrate LGBTQ+ history is the anniversary of the first march for gay rights in Washington, which took place on October 14, 1979, falling on the 10-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ History Month provides the opportunity to extensively learn about the history of the LGBTQ+ rights movement, the [Fair Act](#), and building community and providing role models who will best represent and address the issues of the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) supports LGBTQ+ youth and allies; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE was one of the first county offices to make a commitment to fly the pride flag daily and not just during Pride Month in June; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE has established [resources and supports](#) for youth, educators, and families, including training on the Fair Act, Out for Safe Schools, and the use of pronouns, as well as a number of resource guides; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize October as LGBTQ+ History Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 17, 2025, by the following vote:

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

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



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Maimona Afzal Berta, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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