

**A RESOLUTION
DECLARING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2211-1**

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, on a national level 21.2% of labor force participation are people with disabilities and the unemployment rate for people with disabilities is 7.5%. In Santa Clara County, 39.1% of the labor force participation includes people with disabilities and the unemployment rate for people with disabilities is 6% (these figures include ages 16 and over); and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education offers several opportunities to assist students with disabilities into the world of work through programs such as CONNECT which promotes college-aged students' exploration of vocational, educational and recreational options through partnerships with local community groups; and

WHEREAS, the Special Education Department also implements WorkAbility, a program which assists students with the transition from school to work, allowing students aged 16-22 to stay in school while developing pre-employment and worksite skills; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County Board of Education is recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month this October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Santa Clara County Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 2017 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In so doing, the Board calls upon employers, schools, and other community organizations in Santa Clara County to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities and to advance its important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task throughout the year.

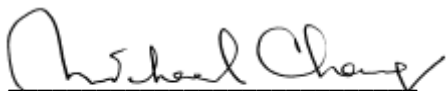
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 18, 2017, by the following vote:

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

NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: member Green



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



Jon R. Gundry
County Superintendent of Schools