



## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2576-2**

**WHEREAS**, the month of January is designated as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month to raise awareness and foster opposition to human trafficking and modern slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a pervasive issue in California, with Santa Clara County being particularly vulnerable due to its diverse population and economic dynamics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education serves many children who are considered at a high risk for human trafficking connected to foster care and the juvenile justice system, who are potential targets for exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Board of Education acknowledges the importance of educating citizens and youth about the realities of human trafficking, including commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor; and

**WHEREAS**, children subjected to human trafficking endure complex trauma that adversely affects their development, physical health, and academic engagement, leading to chronic absenteeism, low academic performance, and school dropout; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking victims require support to escape and recover from the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual trauma associated with their victimization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education collaborates with local organizations to provide resources and support for survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing National Human Trafficking Prevention Month aligns with the [Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults for Santa Clara County](#), reinforcing the rights of every child to be safe from exploitation and harm; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution supports the Santa Clara County Board of Education's priorities to advance anti-racism and racial justice in education; 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 January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on December 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