WHEREAS, the education of our youth is imperative to our society, state, nation and world, and classified employees in our school districts, community colleges and Santa Clara County Office of Education are the “backbone” of our public education system; and

WHEREAS, the classified school employees of Santa Clara County provide efficient and effective support and ancillary services that are essential ingredients to excellent teaching, sound administration, and high student achievement, and classified school employees are rarely in the spotlight, but are always central to the activities of our schools, serving with professionalism and dedication, and setting a high standard for care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, many classified school employees serve as paraprofessionals, providing direct assistance to certificated staff in the classroom and giving students the individual attention and support they need to succeed academically, and other classified employees perform vital clerical, transportation, food service, office support and many other functions that sites, district offices and county offices need, and which provide many students with important educational and health-related services; and

WHEREAS, even as our system of public education depends on classified employees to serve students and staff, they often work in challenging circumstances, and, with diverse talents and true dedication, continue to nurture our students and support their colleagues, and the third full week of May is designated Classified School Employee Week by the state of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby honor the contributions of classified school employees to quality education in Santa Clara County and recognize the week of May 21 to 27, 2017 as Classified School Employee Week, an opportunity to pay homage to these valued members of Santa Clara County’s educational teams.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on April 19, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: President Chang, Vice President Kamei, members Di Salvo, Rossi, Mah and Song
NOES: -none-
ABSTAIN: -none-
ABSENT: member Green

Dr. Michael Chang, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education
Jon R. Gundry
County Superintendent of Schools