

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
AND CALIFORNIA DAY OF THE TEACHER**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2440-4**

WHEREAS, the week of May 6 - 10, 2024, shall be recognized as National Teacher Appreciation Week by the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and California Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the 81st Congress of the United States of America to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953; and

WHEREAS, National Teacher Appreciation Week was established as the first full week in May in 1985 by the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA); and

WHEREAS, the state of California also recognizes May 8, 2024, as California Day of the Teacher; and

WHEREAS, California Day of the Teacher is celebrated on the second Wednesday of May. California has patterned its celebration after the traditional El Dia del Maestro festivities observed in Mexico and other Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, California's Day of the Teacher arose out of legislation co-sponsored by the California Teachers Association and the Association of Mexican American Educators. Former Senator Joseph Montoya wrote the bill, and it was adopted in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the success of our children and communities and the success of our nation, state, and county are considerably influenced by exemplary teachers who devote their heart and mind to helping our public schools and youth excel; and

WHEREAS, the teaching profession should be afforded high public esteem, and reflect a community's commitment to public education; and

WHEREAS, teachers employ countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling, and coaching students while filling roles of listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE [Educator Preparation Programs \(EPP\)](#) prepare candidates to earn their preliminary or clear teaching credential, their preliminary or clear administrative credential, and offers a variety of other educator career pathways and grants; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE believes teachers serve in partnership with parents to provide the appropriate education for all children, provide opportunities for students to develop skills and goals for success in life and work, and inspire students to think strategically and to form reasoned judgments; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the County's more than 15,000 certificated staff, including more than 13,000 classroom teachers and 1,300 pupil services staff, and

recognizes them as extraordinary heroes who approach change with grace, determination, and dedication to students, families, and community; and

WHEREAS, the SCCOE is committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution recognizing May 6 - 10, 2024, as National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 8, 2024, as California Day of the Teacher. In honoring these recognitions, the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools acknowledge and appreciate the work and dedication of educators within the County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on May 1, 2024, by the following vote:

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

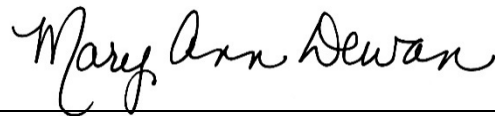
NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



Maimona Afzal Berta, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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