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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

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**RESOLUTION #20-27**  
**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual, month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements, which was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher, Rodney Wilson; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2011, the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act was passed and signed into law that mandates the inclusion of the political, economic, and social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the social studies and history curricula in California public schools;

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2016, the State Board of Education passed a new History Social Science Framework that includes LGBTQ American history content to be taught in history and social science classrooms;

**WHEREAS**, all students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curricula;

**WHEREAS**, a number of LGBTQ history events and people of all races have contributed to the history of equality for all people;

**WHEREAS**, the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis were two California organizations that stood up for LGBT Rights in the 1960s, and Sylvia Rivera and Martha P. Johnson, two trans women of color, were some of the significant individuals who stood up for LGBT Rights at the Stonewall Riots in New York in 1969;

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in the history of California, and the passage of SB 572 (Leno) into law on October 11, 2009 officially recognizing May 22 as Harvey Milk Day in the State of California;

**WHEREAS**, John Laird was the first openly gay elected official in Santa Cruz County, with a distinguished career of public service as City Council Member and Mayor of Santa Cruz, Trustee of Cabrillo College, Assemblymember representing the Monterey Bay area in the state legislature, and as Resources Secretary in the administration of Governor Jerry Brown, and continues his leadership today; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous local LGBTQ leaders in government, business, and community organizations have helped shape community institutions, including in education, offering young LGBTQ+ people of the county inspiration and challenge, sympathy and solace, encouragement and honesty; and

**WHEREAS**, local LGBTQ activists over nearly 40 years have persevered to transform the annual Pride marches from tense rallies needing police and parade monitor protection into one of Santa Cruz's most joyful and beloved community celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, the local LGBTQ community and its allies rose up to meet the challenge of the AIDS epidemic, helped lead the state and nation in developing community-based strategies for reducing pain and suffering, and took major roles in statewide resistance to political attacks on people with AIDS, including teachers, all despite suffering great and unrecoverable losses of friends and loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ individuals continue to make noteworthy and important contributions to American history and society;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education supports the rights, freedoms and equality of those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, pansexual, and asexual (LGBTQ+);

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education affirms its role in, and commitment to, continuing the historical process of transforming the educational system to ensure inclusiveness, safety, and a sense of belonging for all LGBTQ+ students, teachers, staff, and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes the important contributions of local, State, and National LGBTQ+ people to the history of the United States, by promoting social justice, enhancing health and well-being, and building a sense of community for LGBTQ+ people; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Cruz County Board Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of LGBTQ people in history, encourages all schools to celebrate October as LGBTQ History Month, and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ history in their classrooms aligned with the State History Framework.

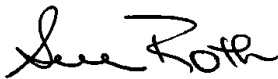
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of September 2020, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

**NAYS:** None

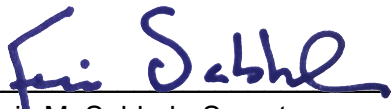
**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None



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Sue Roth, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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Fari M. Sabbah, Secretary  
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools



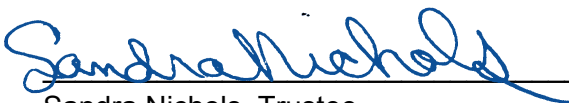
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Rose Filicetti, Vice President



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Jane Royer Barr, Trustee



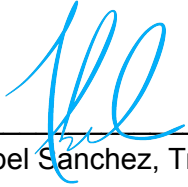
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Sandra Nichols, Trustee



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