RESOLUTION #21-12
RESOLUTION REGARDING DEFACEMENT OF THE SANTA CRUZ BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes that injustice against Black Americans is re-created every day in forms extending from personal acts to the policies and practices of the highest levels of government, business, and community institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes its own responsibility to participate in repairing injustices to Black people as part of the Board’s commitment to equal access to good education for all; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, as a part of the education community helping steward the growth of our county’s young people, strongly supports equipping students of all backgrounds to help constructively shape a future without racial injustice; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education finds the recent vandalism and defacing of the BLACK LIVES MATTER mural on Center Street at Santa Cruz City Hall to be offensive, unacceptable, unjustifiable, and potentially hazardous to the physical and emotional well-being of young people, especially those from Black and other communities of color;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education condemns the vandalism of the BLACK LIVES MATTER mural in Santa Cruz, and supports the added charges as a hate crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education believes that a complete education ensures that all students learn about the histories and current conditions of Black Americans, and also that a complete education ensures that all students see roles for themselves in American society’s project of correcting injustices and repairing relations and institutions.
Resolution #21-12 Resolution Regarding Defacement of the Santa Cruz Black Lives Matter Mural
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
August 19, 2021

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 19th day of August 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Rose Filicetti, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools