



**RESOLUTION #22-40**  
**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, hate has no place in society, and least of all on our school campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education is committed to ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming spaces for learners of all identities; and

**WHEREAS**, Sunday, November 13th, through Saturday, November 19th, is recognized annually as United Against Hate Week, an opportunity to come together and reflect; and

**WHEREAS**, United Against Hate Week emerged from the response of Berkeley and other East Bay civic leaders to a series of extremist demonstrations in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, this week has since grown to include more than 200 communities and is continuing to expand; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage recognition of United Against Hate Week at all schools within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this week calls for local civic action by people in every community to stop the hate and implicit biases that continue to impact too many members of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this week is an important opportunity to learn about ongoing efforts at schools and across our community, and to join in solidarity around a clear message: Hate has no place here; and

**WHEREAS**, our school districts and County Office of Education have created a toolkit with activity ideas for elementary and secondary students, sample social media posts, and information about local and national events, available online at [sccoe.link/UAHW2022](https://sccoe.link/UAHW2022); and

**WHEREAS**, sadly, acts of hatred appear to be on the rise; and

**WHEREAS**, California saw a staggering uptick in hate crimes from 2020 to 2021, and Santa Cruz County was no different; and

**WHEREAS**, data compiled by the California Department of Justice shows hate-related offenses more than doubled in our county, from 16 in 2020 to 43 in 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the misguided narratives propping up hatred and intolerance that continues to be present in our society represents a sign of the work yet to be done;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and Santa Cruz County Office of Education are firmly committed to building our shared understanding of where inequities persist; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and Santa Cruz County Office of Education recognize Sunday, November 13th, through Saturday, November 19th, as United Against Hate Week.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of November 2022, by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Acosta, Alto, Filicetti, Nichols, Sanchez, Van Allen

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:** Roth



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Abel Sanchez, President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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