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RESOLUTION #23-37
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY

WHEREAS, December 2nd is recognized as National Special Education Day, celebrating the anniversary of the signing of the nation's first special education law as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), on December 2, 1972; and

WHEREAS, IDEA makes a free appropriate public education (FAPE) available to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and other related services be made available to the students; and

WHEREAS, IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early interventions, special education, and related services to infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, as of the 2018-19 school year, special education services were provided to 795,047 individuals in California, including newborns through those twenty-two years of age, according to the California Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, California, at no cost to parents, provides specially designed instruction to meet the needs and settings that allow infants and their families, preschoolers, students, and young adults to be educated with their peers; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Special Education Department partners with the County's schools to serve students with disabilities from birth to age 22; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Special Education Department also provides services to special education students attending institutional schools, as well as community schools; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and Office of Education are committed to improving student equity and access to high quality education regardless of a student's ability or disability; to providing quality support to districts, schools, students, and communities; as well as being a premier service organization;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize December 2nd as National Special Education Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of November 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Alto, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Alvarez-Delgado

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Acosta



Bruce Van Allen, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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