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RESOLUTION #25-04 RECOGNIZING MARCH AS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, The education of Santa Cruz County's students is fundamental to the economic, social, and intellectual capacity of our community and our society; and

WHEREAS, Students with disabilities share with all students the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties; and

WHEREAS, Students with disabilities deserve equal opportunities and access to participate in and contribute to their schools alongside their peers; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Board of Education is committed to recognizing that every student, regardless of perceived ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and make decisions, and the capability to make important contributions to their school communities if afforded the opportunities to do so; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Board of Education is committed to supporting and promoting inclusion and self-determination for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, school-based activities during March will bring awareness and reinforce the values and talents of students with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes the month of March as "Disability Awareness Month" throughout Santa Cruz County, to celebrate the aspirations and accomplishments of students with disabilities and to encourage the full inclusion of each student as part of the educational success of all students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 20th day of February 2025, by the following vote:

Resolution #25-04 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month Santa Cruz County Board of Education February 20, 2025

AYES: Estrada, Larson, Sanchez, Roth, Van Allen, Williams

NAYS:

ABSENT: Acosta

ABSTAIN:

Abel Sanchez, Board President Santa Cruz County Board of Education Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary

Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools