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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

RESOLUTION #25-27

RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AS A NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, women in the United States have continuously worked to gain full rights and privileges – public or private, legal or institutional – as citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women in every state and every cultural and religious group worked to secure women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County is fortunate to be represented by outstanding women leaders across all levels of government and education, including state Assemblymembers Dawn Addis and Gail Pellerin; County Supervisors Kimberly De Serpa and Monica Martinez; Watsonville Mayor Maria Orozco; Cabrillo College Trustees Christina Cuevas and Donna Ziegler; County Board of Education Trustees Sue Roth and Rachel Williams; as well as numerous women serving on city councils, school boards, and public commissions throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1920, secured women's right to vote after decades of activism and struggle; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated August 26, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was certified, as Women's Equality Day; and

WHEREAS, the fight for full gender equity continues, as disparities in leadership, pay, healthcare access, and representation persist across the nation; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in federal policy, funding, and staffing are creating new uncertainties and even fear for many of our female students, teachers, staff, family and community members, as well as for elections themselves; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Women's Equality Day as a day of celebration throughout the country emphasizes the importance of women's work for democracy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education will commemorate Women's Equality Day, August 26th, as a national day celebrating the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights today.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:	Estrada, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Acosta



Abel Sanchez, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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