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## **RESOLUTION #25-41**

### **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, hate has no place in society, 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, October 19th, through Saturday, October 25th, 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**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education encourages 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**, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and local school districts have created a toolkit with activity ideas for elementary and secondary students, sample social media posts, and information about local and national events; and

**WHEREAS**, sadly, acts of hatred, abusive language, and bullying appear to be on the rise, affecting elementary, middle, and high school students, and especially our LGBTQIA2S+ students and students of color; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the misguided narratives propping up hatred and intolerance that continue to be present in our society, even by federal officials, represent 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 acts of hatred and bullying persist; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education encourages local schools and community to join in addressing acts of hatred and bullying; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and Santa Cruz County Office of Education recognize Sunday, October 19, through Saturday, October 25, as United Against Hate Week.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of October 2025, by the following vote:

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>Kyle, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams</b> |
| <b>NAYS:</b>    | <b>None</b>                                             |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>Acosta</b>                                           |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>None</b>                                             |



Abel Sanchez  
Board President



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