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RESOLUTION #25-45

RECOGNIZING RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges made history by becoming the first Black student to attend an all-white elementary school in the American South, in defiance of segregation and in pursuit of equal educational opportunity for all children; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her enduring legacy, “Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day” is an initiative to encourage students and communities to walk to school together while reflecting on the ongoing importance of access, equity, and justice in education; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Cruz County, the Countywide Black Student Union (BSU) organized the largest local commemoration to date, bringing together students from Pajaro Valley High, Soquel High, Santa Cruz High, and other schools in walk-to-school events and related programming honoring Ruby Bridges’s bravery and impact; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education expresses gratitude to the Ruby Bridges Foundation for its support of these events and for inspiring students to reflect on equity, inclusion, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide BSU aims to build safe, supportive spaces for Black students and their allies, promoting cultural awareness, relationship building, and equitable access to resources and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the bravery of Ruby Bridges and the Civil Rights movement give inspiration to many today in light of racist and unjust pronouncements and actions of the current national government; and

WHEREAS, honoring Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day provides an opportunity for students, parents, educators, civic leaders, and community members to come together, walk in solidarity, and recommit to fostering inclusive and just learning environments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes November 14, 2025, as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, and that the board hereby encourages all schools, students, staff, parents, and community partners to participate in walk-to-school events, classroom reflections, and educational activities centered on civil rights, equity, and the legacy of Ruby Bridges;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board and Superintendent express appreciation to the local Black Student Union chapters, the Ruby Bridges Foundation, and all community organizations, volunteers, and participants who help make this observance meaningful and impactful;

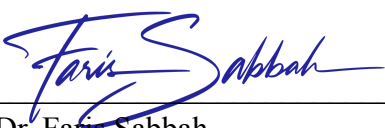
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education encourages schools to integrate lessons and discussions about Ruby Bridges, civil rights, and the ongoing struggle for equity into classroom curricula, school assemblies, and student engagement programs.

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:

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



Abel Sanchez
Board President



Dr. Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools