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RESOLUTION #25-48
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 children and young adults 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, youth, and young adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, as of the 2024-25 school year, special education services were provided to 865,213 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 partners with the County's school districts to support 5,660 students with disabilities from birth to age 22, as of the 2024-25 school year; and

WHEREAS, direct services provided by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education include Early Start serving children birth to age 3, the Chrysalis autism program, day classes for extensive support needs, and post-senior vocational programs, all supported by multidisciplinary specialists; 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; and

WHEREAS, recent extreme changes to federal policies, funding and staffing are creating uncertainties and even fear for our students and their families, teachers, staff and others who care for and support them;

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 20th day of November 2025, by the following vote:

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

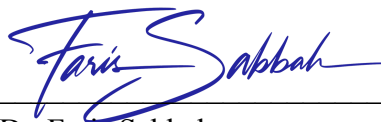
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Acosta

ABSTAIN: None



Abel Sanchez
Board President



Dr. Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools