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RESOLUTION #25-49 RECOGNIZING COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS, Computer Science Education Week is observed each year during the first full week of December to raise awareness of the importance of computer science in TK-12 education; and

WHEREAS, computer science skills support student success in college, career, and civic life by building problem-solving abilities, creativity, and digital literacy; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to high-quality computer science instruction remains essential to ensuring that all students, especially those historically underrepresented in STEAM fields, can participate fully in a rapidly evolving digital world; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (COE) affirms its commitment to equitable computer science learning across all districts and continues to support educators with professional development, curriculum resources, and partnerships that strengthen Computer Science pathways; and

WHEREAS, schools across Santa Cruz County participate in the national Hour of Code campaign and engage students in hands-on coding and computational thinking activities during Computer Science Education Week; and

WHEREAS, the COE, in collaboration with Pajaro Valley Unified School District and community partners, is hosting two free Computer Science Playground community events this year, offering TK-12 students and families opportunities to explore robotics, coding, digital design, artificial intelligence, and other interactive experiences; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Computer Science Playgrounds will take place at Watsonville High School on December 9 from 4:30-6:30 pm and at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History on December 11 from 4:30-6:30 pm, providing welcoming spaces for students and families to discover computer science together;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes December 8-14, 2025, as Computer Science Education Week in Santa Cruz County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages schools, educators, students, families, and community partners to participate in activities that highlight the value of computer science learning and supports the COE's efforts to expand equitable access to these opportunities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its appreciation to the organizers, educators, students, and partners who make the Computer Science Playground events possible and who contribute to a thriving computer science learning community throughout Santa Cruz County.

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 Dr. Faris Sabbah

Board President County Superintendent of Schools