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RESOLUTION #26-16 IN SUPPORT OF DAY OF THE TEACHER

WHEREAS, May 13, 2026, is designated as Day of the Teacher throughout California, and the Santa Cruz County Board of Education extends appreciation to teachers and other certificated employees at the County Office of Education as well as throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, because of our outstanding teachers, the County Office of Education is well-placed to give every student the opportunity to succeed both in and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, teaching is a profession that requires skill, determination, patience, and energy with teachers fulfilling many roles as motivators and mentors; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that educated community members serve as the foundation of our nation, and that teachers provide students with a strong academic foundation while also fostering the critical thinking, creativity, and civic responsibility needed for engaged participation in their communities and an evolving world; and

WHEREAS, effective teaching grows in value and pays dividends far beyond the classroom and well into the future; and

WHEREAS, teaching is a vital element in a child's development with the critical factor being not curriculum nor class size, but the nature of the teaching as it affects learning; and

WHEREAS, our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education and, without teacher appreciation, there can be no student progress; and

WHEREAS, our students and other community members should be encouraged to consider meaningful and rewarding careers as teachers; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in federal policy, funding, and staffing are creating new concerns and uncertainties for students, teachers, and families;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges all students, parents, and the community to observe this day by taking time to honor those who give the gift of knowledge through teaching.

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April 16, 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of April 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Kyle, Larson, Van Allen, Williams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Roth, Sanchez

Rachel Williams

Rachel Williams, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Faris Sabbah

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