PROCLAMATION
Holocaust Remembrance Day
April 18, 2023

WHEREAS, the Holocaust was a tragedy of proportions the world had never before witnessed; and

WHEREAS, more than 75 years have passed since the tragic events we now refer to as the Holocaust transpired, in which the dictatorship of Nazi Germany murdered six million Jews as part of a systematic program of genocide known as "The Final Solution of the Jewish Question"; and

WHEREAS, Jews were the primary victims, but they were not alone. Five million other people were murdered in Nazi concentration camps as part of a carefully orchestrated, state-sponsored program of cultural, social, and political annihilation under the Nazi tyranny; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize the heroism of those who provided assistance to the victims of the Nazi regime, including the many soldiers who liberated concentration camps and provided comfort to those suffering; and

WHEREAS, we must teach our children, and future generations, that the individual and communal acts of heroism during the Holocaust serve as a powerful example of how our nation and its citizens can, and must, respond to acts of hatred and inhumanity; and

WHEREAS, we must always remind ourselves of the horrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny lest these atrocities be repeated; and

WHEREAS, we, the people of California, should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, and equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, aach person in California should set aside moments of his or her time every year to give remembrance to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the United States Holocaust Memorial Council recognizes the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust, including the Day of Remembrance, known as Yom Hashoah; and

WHEREAS, according to Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and nationally recognized scholar, "a memorial unresponsive to the future would violate the memory of the past"; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda Board of Education and the Alameda Unified School District approved Resolution 2017-2018.59 on April 10, 2018 recognizing Holocaust Remembrance Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Board of Education and the Alameda Unified School District hereby proclaim April 18, 2023 as Holocaust Remembrance Day and urges Alamedans to observe this day in remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following votes this 6th day of April, 2023.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

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Heather Little, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:
By: _____
Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California