SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 1-30, 2024
AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 44 Americans in the United States are living with Autism, a complex, lifelong developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, self-regulation; and

WHEREAS, every April, Autism Awareness Month is celebrated, beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, to increase understanding and acceptance and to foster worldwide support for those living with Autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the unique gifts and talents of all individuals with Autism spectrum, highlighting their valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month provides a platform to increase understanding and acceptance of Autism and its unique challenges and strengths, by providing support for individuals on the Autism spectrum within our school community; and

WHEREAS, the District aims to promote a culture of inclusivity, where every student, regardless of their neurodiversity, feels valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential; and

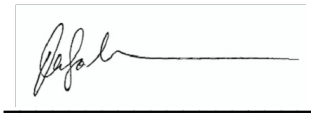
WHEREAS, The District's commitment extends to providing continuous professional learning opportunities for educators and staff members to deepen their understanding of Autism and cultivate effective strategies for addressing the diverse needs of students with Autism; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month aims to advocate for policies and practices that promote the rights, dignity, and well-being of individuals with Autism, ensuring equal opportunities and access to meaningful participation in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, during Autism Awareness Month, the District will engage in various educational initiatives, activities, and events to promote acceptance, celebrate diversity, and highlight the contributions of individuals with Autism. By uniting in this effort, we aspire to create a more compassionate and inclusive environment where all students have the opportunity to thrive and succeed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo Union High School District Governing Board hereby proclaims April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month. This proclamation is made to reaffirm our steadfast commitment to fostering environments where students with Autism can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Passed and adopted on the 28th day of March, 2024.



Superintendent

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President, Board of Trustees