San Mateo Union High School District
National Women's History Month
March 1-31, 2023

WHEREAS Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California for one week. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women first planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day.

WHEREAS In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

WHEREAS Six years after Carter's proclamation, Congress, at the urging of the National Women's History Project, declared March of each year to be Women's History Month.

WHEREAS The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

WHEREAS American women of every race, class, and ethnic background throughout our history have, despite hardship, exclusion, and discrimination, strived and sacrificed for equity and equality in communities across the country and have served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS Suffragists helped pass the 19th Amendment to the Constitution so that no American could be denied a vote on the basis of sex. Women fought to end slavery, advocate for civil rights, and pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Equal Rights Amendment originally approved by Congress in 1972. Generations of women continue to lead the fight for climate justice.

WHEREAS Standing on the shoulders of the women who came before them, today's women and girls continue to carry forward the mission of ensuring our daughters have the same opportunities as our sons. Women are leading the fight for justice, opportunity, and equality, and continue to lead groundbreaking civil rights movements for social justice and freedom.

WHEREAS American women have played and continue to play critical political, economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force and American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

WHEREAS American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; additionally women have been instrumental in the fields of science, the arts and athletics;

WHEREAS The SMUHSD workforce is made up of 60% women, and our student body is made up of 48% women.

WHEREAS SMUHSD and our communities also recognize the importance of understanding women's history and sharing it with our students, particularly with regard to honoring the significant and longstanding contributions women have made in this Nation, in

California and in our local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the San Mateo Union High School District that the District takes great pleasure in recognizing March 2023 as National Women's History Month and urges all citizens, staff and students to join in celebrating the accomplishments and persistence of women everywhere.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Mateo Union High School District on the 23rd day of February, 2023