

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #25-09

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, The Society for Autism was founded in 1965 to advance research, promote awareness, and provide support and guidance for individuals living with autism; and

WHEREAS, the Society played a key role in shaping legislation, including the Disabilities Act, to recognize and protect the rights of individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day, observed annually on April 2, was established to raise public awareness and improve the quality of life for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), empowering them to lead full and meaningful lives as integral members of society; and

WHEREAS, Autism presents in diverse ways, and every individual with ASD faces unique challenges depending on where they are on the spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Until the latter half of the 20th century, only individuals with the most severe symptoms were diagnosed, and many were institutionalized due to a lack of understanding and resources; and

WHEREAS, Autism was historically misunderstood, often misattributed to poor parenting or vaccinations, rather than recognized as a complex neurological condition; and

WHEREAS, Increased awareness campaigns, education initiatives, and self-advocacy efforts have significantly improved global understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism; and


WHEREAS, In 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that approximately 1 in 54 children in the United States is diagnosed with ASD, with boys being four times more likely to receive a diagnosis than girls; and


WHEREAS, During Autism Awareness Month, we celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals with ASD, reaffirming our commitment to ensuring they have equal opportunities to reach their full potential.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the challenges faced by individuals with autism and remains dedicated to supporting and advocating for them during Autism Awareness Month and beyond.


REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March 2025.

AYES in Favor of Said Resolution




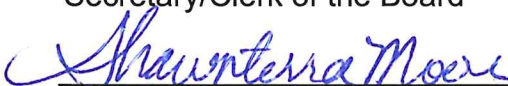
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