

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Resolution #24-09**

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, The Society for Autism was founded in 1965 to promote research and provide help and guidance for those living with this condition; and*

*WHEREAS, the Society helped establish legislation in the Disabilities Act to recognize and protect those with autism; and*

*WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, was established to raise public consciousness and improve the quality of life of those diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) to lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society; and*

*WHEREAS, Autism can manifest itself in many different ways and every person with this condition faces different challenges depending on where they are on the Autistic Spectrum; and*

*WHEREAS, Until the second half of the 20th century, only people with severe symptoms were diagnosed with autism, and they were often institutionalized; and*

*WHEREAS, Autism was mistakenly believed to result from poor parenting or vaccinations, instead of being understood as a neurological disorder; and*

*WHEREAS, Today awareness campaigns at schools and self-advocacy have increased the world's understanding and acceptance of autism; and*

*WHEREAS, In 2020, the CDC reported that approximately 1 in 54 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an ASD and that boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls; and*

*WHEREAS, During Autism Awareness Month, we celebrate the many accomplishments of Americans with ASD and ensure they are afforded 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 continues to support them during Autism Awareness Month.*

*REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.*

**AYES in Favor of Said Resolution**

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*Amal Dutta*  
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*Patricia A. Murray*  
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*Maria Garcia*  
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*Diana Lopez*

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary/Clerk of the Board**

*Shauntea Moore*  
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**Superintendent of Schools**