



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
CONSTITUTION DAY AND CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2447

WHEREAS, Constitution Day is on September 17, 2024, coinciding with California High School Voter Education Weeks from September 10-17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, California Secretary of State, Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., and California Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, are committed to strengthening and motivating students to take an active role in civic processes; and

WHEREAS, stated in the 2014, California Assembly Bill 1817 supported by former California Governor, Jerry Brown, California High School Voter Education Weeks are designated by California Education Code to be observed in the last two weeks of April and September; and on March 22, 2024, California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., in partnership with California Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, issued a letter encouraging all California high schools to participate in High School Voter Education Weeks, April 15-26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, a living document, reflects valuable ideals expressed through the description of important rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, and its amendments, outline the freedoms and the principles of representative government that are as strong today as they were in 1787; and

WHEREAS, national research on civics education shows that community members, educators, families, and students benefit from equitable civic education in schools that includes the voice of young people; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2024, 134,546 teens have registered to vote statewide; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County is ranked number five in the state for registration of 16 to 17-year-olds, with a total of 7,072 as of March 2024; and

WHEREAS, for the November 8, 2022, election in Santa Clara County, 36,935 adults aged 18 and out to vote in Santa Clara County, which was 32.37 percent of all voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) continues to partner with government agencies and community-based organizations to increase civic education and engagement through the initiative called "The Power of Democracy (POD)," now in its eighth year; and

WHEREAS, as part of the POD Initiative the SCCOE partners with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (SCCROV) to provide voter education, voter registration, and other election materials to all high schools in the region; and

WHEREAS, the 20232024 school year, the SCCOE in collaboration with the POD Steering Committee

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