Joint Resolution No. 20-22
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

In Recognition of April 22, 2020, as Earth Day

Whereas, April 22, 2020, marks the 50th anniversary of the original Earth Day; and

Whereas, climate change now represents one of the biggest challenges to the future of humanity and the life-support systems that make our world habitable; and

Whereas, the theme for Earth Day 2020 is “Climate Action”; and

Whereas, human activity is causing our planet to warm at an alarming rate, giving rise to devastating effects on our food supply, national security, global health, and weather, and highlighting the need for individual citizens to use their unique influence to drive our leaders, community partners, and agencies to develop and implement action plans that will curtail emissions and save the environment; and

Whereas, the County Superintendent of Schools supports the Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Initiative which helps prepare leaders to integrate environmental sustainability and a climate ready mindset across a school community’s campus, curriculum, community, and culture, through all of the following efforts:

- **Capacity Building Programs** that develop knowledge, skills, and values for environmental literacy and sustainability at SMCOE and in our districts and school communities,
- **Stakeholder Networks** that scale-up change by fostering collaboration, sharing best practices, and strengthening communication channels,
- **Customized Technical Assistance** for school communities to green their facilities and operations, integrate environmental and climate literacy into the curriculum, and support with climate ready adaptations, and
- **Other Support and Programs** such as summits, recognition and awards program, including the San Mateo County One Planet Schools Challenge, and a website with resources;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools declare April 22, 2020, be celebrated as a Day of Climate Action, and demonstrate support for individual and collective action and advocacy that seeks to reduce the ecological footprint of individuals and organizations, and provide a healthy and sustainable environment for the health and well-being of the students and residents of San Mateo County.

Be It Further Resolved the Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Initiative Coordinator will report to the School Board annually, on or near Earth Day, on achievement towards its environmental goals, sustainability initiatives, community partnerships, and educational programs.

SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Passed and Adopted on this First Day of April 2020

SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

President

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