Joint Resolution No. 20-31

San Mateo County Board of Education

and

San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools

State of California

Recognizing June 2020 as LGBTQ+ Month

Whereas, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, considered by many as the tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States; and

Whereas, the purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact LGBTQ+ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally; and

Whereas, memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS; and

Whereas, celebrations in previous years included pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, and concerts, and LGBTQ+ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world; and

Whereas, the San Mateo County Office of Education, through its 2020-2021 One County, One Book Project book selection, George, by Stonewall Award Winner Alex Gino, will foster community discussion and promote understanding about the issues faced by children who identify as LGBTQ+; and

Whereas, despite the extraordinary progress of past decades in the fight for dignity and equality, people who identify as LGBTQ+ still face discrimination simply for being who they are; and

Whereas, the FAIR Education Act, signed into law on July 14, 2011, went into effect on January 1, 2012, and requires the California history and social studies curriculum to include fair, accurate, inclusive, and respectful references to contributions by members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

Whereas, the San Mateo County Office of Education will convene its inaugural events focusing solely on embedding Social Emotional Learning and LGBTQ+/Sexual Orientation Gender Identity into school curriculum and culture for K-12 faculty, staff, and administrators; and

Whereas, both events have been postponed due to local shelter in place measures to stop the community spread of COVID-19 and are scheduled to take place in October 2020, which is designated as LGBTQ+ History Month; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved in recognition of the contributions of LGBTQ+ Americans, both in promoting equal rights and eliminating discrimination, harassment, and violence for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby observe June 2020 as LGBTQ+ Month and encourage public schools throughout San Mateo County to conduct appropriate activities in observation thereof.
SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Passed and Adopted on this
Twentieth Day of May 2020

SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

President