Joint Resolution No. 20-40
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

Recognizing September 2020 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) Awareness Month

Whereas, the National Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) Association and the Hereditary Neuropathy Foundation seek to encourage greater public awareness and understanding about Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease by dedicating September 2020 as CMT Awareness Month; and

Whereas, despite being relatively unknown, CMT is an inherited, progressive disorder that causes loss of the normal use of the hands, arms, legs, and/or feet in millions of people, including children; and

Whereas, according to the CMT Research Foundation, nearly three million people of every age, race, and ethnicity are living with CMT which is the same prevalence as multiple sclerosis (MS) and ten times the prevalence of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) and affects one in 2,500 children in the United States; and

Whereas, as some students in our local classrooms are directly impacted by CMT as well as challenged by a variety of medically-driven physical challenges, it becomes even more important to sustain a positive school climate and develop student capacity for empathy and understanding; and

Whereas, children with CMT often experience bullying, shaming, and injuries if school activities are not adapted to their special needs; and

Whereas, it is critical for educators and other school professionals to learn about CMT, given the importance of physical activity and services, including occupational therapy, for students growing up with the disease;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools recognize September 2020 as Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) Awareness Month to help raise awareness of Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease, especially within our school communities.

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President