

San Mateo Union High School District Proclamation
Autism Awareness Month
April 1-30, 2023

WHEREAS, SMUHSD is guided by the principles of inclusivity in its commitment to help improve the lives of all individuals in the diverse community we serve; and

WHEREAS, every April, Autism Awareness Month is celebrated, beginning with United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, to increase understanding and acceptance and to foster worldwide support for those living with Autism; and

WHEREAS, in April, we strive to promote Autism Acceptance Month, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide inclusive, equitable access to services, events, and activities that support success for all autistic individuals every day at all of our of schools; and

WHEREAS, SMUHSD serves 124 students with an Autism eligibility, representing approximately 9% of all students who receive special educational support services, we recognize that we must continue to innovate in the delivery of interventions and services; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that a lack of understanding of people with autism can contribute to discomfort and lead to systemic discrimination, we strive to ensure our communities have continued education to increase their knowledge and understanding of the gifts and talents that people with autism bring; and

WHEREAS, many autistic individuals still experience gaps in employment and income, SMUHSD strives to support the meaningful development of post secondary outcomes that remove the systemic barriers people with autism face in their daily live to meaningful employment, access to post secondary options and fulfilling social relationships; and

WHEREAS, we are committing to support our students with autism to pursue their educational and career goals without discrimination, to live independently, fully participate in their communities, and lead fulfilling lives of dignity and respect; and

NOW, Therefore, Be It Resolved the San Mateo Union High School District, hereby recognizes April 2023 as Autism Acceptance Month, with a commitment that today and every day, we honor and celebrate autistic people, our students, educators, and families, in meaningful and measureless ways that recognize the limitless contributions to our community that they make.

