

San Mateo Union High School District

PROCLAMATION 20-21-28

Recognizing January 23, 2022 as Ed Roberts Day in San Mateo Union High School District

WHEREAS: Ed Roberts is often called the father of the Independent Living Movement; and

WHEREAS: The treatment of people with disabilities has advanced considerably in the past half century, thanks in part to the work of Ed Roberts; and

WHEREAS: Ed Roberts' as an alumni of Burlingame High School, class of '59 and his life and experience helped our district to improve our practices of inclusion for all students

WHEREAS: The Independent Living Philosophy for people with disabilities is to achieve the same civil rights and control over choices in their own lives as people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Independent living services assist Californians with disabilities and their families in accessing supports designed for the unique needs of every individual and ensuring equal access, inclusion, and independence; and

WHEREAS: Ed Roberts' life's work was his activism for disability rights, including expanding access for students with disabilities at his alma mater, the University of California-Berkeley and becoming co-founder of the World Institute on Disability; and

WHEREAS: The United States House of Representatives recognized January 23, 2011, as Ed Roberts Day; and

WHEREAS: The State of California recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Ed Roberts and the importance of independent living services, which help people with disabilities to be as independent as they can be and create communities that are barrier free and welcoming to everyone.

Today, we recognize Ed Roberts for his unwavering commitment to create a more equitable world for those with disabilities and to laying the groundwork for building inclusive learning environments for students in SMUHSD as a graduate of Burlingame High School Class of '59 and an inductee of the Burlingame High School Hall of Fame in 1992.

NOW, THEREFORE, on January 20, 2022 The SMUHSD Board of Education do hereby proclaim January 23, 2022, as: ED ROBERTS DAY.

AYES: MEMBERS _____

NOES: MEMBERS _____

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS _____

ABSENT: MEMBERS _____

ATTEST:

President of the Board of Trustees

Secretary to the Board of Trustees
