

**SAN JOSÉ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2019-09-27-02  
LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the San José Unified School District supports the rights, freedoms and equality of those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+); and

**WHEREAS**, all students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curricula; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of LGBTQ+ historical events and people of all races have contributed to equality for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Sylvia Rivera and Martha P. Johnson were some of the significant individuals who stood up for LGBT Rights in the 1960s and at the Stonewall Riots in New York in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2003, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that school district staff were responsible for maintaining safe school environments and for equitable enforcement of nondiscrimination statutes and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in the history of California, and the passage of SB572 into law on October 11, 2009 officially recognized May 22nd as Harvey Milk Day in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 11, 2016, the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act was passed and signed into law that mandates the inclusion of the political, economic, and social contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in the social studies and history curricula in California public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2016, the state Board of Education passed a new History Social Science Framework that includes LGBTQ+ American history content to be taught in history and social science classrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ individuals continue to make important contributions to American history and society.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Education does hereby resolve as follows:

1. that schools continue making progress toward ensuring all students feel safe and welcome; and
2. that schools are aware that October is LGBTQ+ History Month; and
3. that schools are encouraged to celebrate LGBTQ+ individuals for their contributions to our history and society.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the San José Unified School District, San José, California this 27th day of September 2018 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ATTEST:**

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Nancy Albarrán, Superintendent and Secretary  
Governing Board of Education

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Susan Ellenberg, President  
Governing Board of Education

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