

RESOLUTION NO. 16/18-19
San Mateo-Foster City School District
Endorsing November 14, 2018, as Ruby Bridges Walk to
School Day

Whereas, Ruby Bridges is an American activist who walked to school nearly every day and became a symbol of the civil rights movement at age six when she was the youngest of a group of African American students designated to integrate schools in the American South; and

Whereas, On November 14, 1960, Ruby Bridges was the only student of the group to enroll in William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans; and

Whereas, On her first day of school, she was escorted by four federal marshals, and spent the entire day in the principal's office as irate parents marched into the school to remove their children; and

Whereas, Ruby Bridges stood for equality and desegregation in the early 1960s; and

Whereas, Ruby Bridges is currently the chair of the Ruby Bridges Foundation, which she formed in 1999 to promote, "the values of tolerance, respect, and appreciation of all differences;" and

Whereas, Ruby Bridges has asserted that, "Racism is a grown-up disease and we must stop using our children to spread it;" and

Whereas, Scholars of Deborah Carlina's fifth-grade class from Martin Elementary School in the South San Francisco Unified School District learned about Ruby Bridges and are advocates for the adoption of a "Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day" as a way to honor Ruby's role in the Civil Rights Movement; and

Whereas, The San Mateo-Foster City School District supports an educational environment that emphasizes inclusion, acceptance, and equality for all;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo-Foster City School District hereby approve the adoption of "Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day" to be honored annually on November 14th or the second Tuesday of each November when November 14th falls on a weekend.

ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Mateo-Foster City School District at the regular meeting held on the 1st day of November, 2018 by the following vote;

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ABSENT

ATTEST:

Secretary of Said Board