

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE “NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE”**

WHEREAS, the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) has recognized the right of all students to participate in a learning environment free from discrimination and harassment; and

WHEREAS, AUSD Board Policy 5145.3 specifically prohibits, among other types of harassment, any intimidation or bullying of students based on their sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Silence is a student-led national event that brings attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools, in which students from middle school to college take a vow of silence in an effort to encourage schools and classmates to address the problem of anti-LGBT behavior by illustrating the silencing effect of bullying and harassment on LGBT students and those perceived to be LGBT; and

WHEREAS, this year the National Day of Silence will be recognized by students around the country on April 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to acknowledge and support the participation of students at AUSD’s secondary schools in the National Day of Silence, subject to non-interference with the curriculum and instruction at those schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED:

The Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby acknowledges and supports AUSD secondary students’ participation in the National Day of Silence on April 17, 2015, subject to noninterference with the curriculum and instruction at AUSD schools.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:           Members:

NOES:           Members:

ABSENT:       Members:

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Barbara Kahn, President  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sean McPhetridge, Interim Superintendent  
Secretary of the Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District