

PROCLAMATION

Harvey Milk Day

May 22

WHEREAS, by signing SB572 on October 11, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger officially instituted May 22nd as Harvey Milk Day; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was born on May 22, 1930; and

WHEREAS, in 1972 Harvey Milk and his partner Scott Smith moved to San Francisco, California, and in 1977 Harvey was elected to Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco – the first time in the history of the United States an openly gay man was elected to prominent political office; and

WHEREAS, during his term on the Board of Supervisors, Harvey Milk sponsored and successfully passed a gay rights ordinance and was instrumental in defeating Proposition 6 – commonly known as the Briggs Initiative – which would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in the public schools of this state; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's life and political career embody the rise of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights movement in California, across the nation, and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today, with his life and social contributions having left an indelible mark on the history of our nation with special meaning for the people of California; and

WHEREAS, The Harvey Milk Foundation, founded in 2009, encourages local, regional, national, and global organizations to embody and utilize Harvey Milk's story, his style, and his collaborative relationship building approach; and

WHEREAS, since 2010 the Alameda Unified School District has participated in Alameda's Annual Harvey Milk Day celebration and has helped institutionalize the event in our schools and our community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes May 22nd as Harvey Milk Day and encourages all public schools and educational institutions to observe this day and to conduct suitable commemorative exercises that remember the life of Harvey Milk, recognize his accomplishments, and familiarize pupils with the contributions he made to this state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2017.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Gary K. Lym, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California