

**PROCLAMATION**  
***A Season for Nonviolence***  
***January 30, 2018 – April 4, 2018***

*WHEREAS*, the state of California and our nation continue to confront the challenge of violence in the form of hate crimes, brutality, domestic abuse, and other forms of inhumanity; and

*WHEREAS*, violence in action, attitudes, and thoughts are prevalent in our society; and

*WHEREAS*, an awareness of non-violent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal and transform our lives and communities, to recognize the dignity and worth of every human being, and to promote peace and harmony among all people regardless of race, color, culture, class, language, faith, age, gender, sexual orientation, or other apparent or perceived differences; and

*WHEREAS*, the principles and practices of nonviolence were epitomized in the lives and work of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

*WHEREAS*, The Season for Nonviolence began with observances at the United Nations in New York City and in hundreds of cities and locals around the world in 1998; and

*WHEREAS*, during the period between January 30, 2018 and April 4, 2018, groups throughout the world will sponsor projects and programs to create greater awareness and consciousness of the principles and practices of nonviolence; and

*WHEREAS*, in Alameda we have a great opportunity to focus our hearts and minds on non-violence in recognition and celebration of The Season for Nonviolence.

*THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education proclaims January 30, 2018 through April 4, 2018 as The Season for Nonviolence and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities and to honor our community's rich ethnic and cultural diversity throughout the year.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gray Harris, 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