Resolution No. 2025/26-23
Date: January 14, 2025

Recognizing January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Whereas, On November 1, 2005, the United Nations designated January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, International Holocaust Remembrance in honor of the six million Jewish victims and millions of other victims of the Holocaust and to help prevent future genocides; and

Whereas, the purpose of International Holocaust Remembrance Day is to serve as a date for official commemoration of the victims of the Nazi regime, to promote Holocaust education throughout the world, and to reject any form of Holocaust denial and antisemitism as well as threats of genocide in other parts of the world; and

Whereas, this year marks both 81 years since the liberation of the largest Nazi concentration and death camp, and the 31st anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia; and

Whereas, genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalizing specific groups, and in our commitment to disrupt hate and violence from tearing the fabric of our society, we urge our local, national, and international communities to stand together in order to end racism, the spread of anti-Semitism and xenophobia, and prevent ethnic cleansing; and

Whereas, member states of the United Nations are encouraged to actively preserve sites used by the Nazis during the "Final Solution," such as killing centers, concentration camps, and prisons, so that they may inspire leaders and citizens of the world to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity; and

Whereas, we must be vigilant about the discrimination, racism, and hatred that continues to plague society and be cognizant of the fact that if left unchecked, they give rise to the mass killing events that continue to occur in the 21st century; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education recognize and promote International Holocaust Remembrance Day activities that help us

learn about the past, bear witness for those who have endured genocide, empathize with their suffering, draw inspiration from their struggle, and reaffirm humanity's common aspiration for mutual understand and justice.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools District on the **14th** day of January 2026.

YEAS:_____
NOES: _____
ABSENT:____
ABSTAIN:____

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Sarah Jenkins, Clerk of the Board