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Resolution No. 2023/24-58  
Date: April 10, 2024

**Resolution in Recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is illegal, a form of sex discrimination, and is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that of all victims under eighteen, two out of three are ages twelve to seventeen, representing sixty-six percent, with vast underreporting of these statistics also identified; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that twenty percent or more of college-aged students report being victims of sexual harassment and sexual violence, much of which takes place among peers at educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence or sexual harassment have devastating effects on students by negatively impacting their emotional and physical well-being, and can become a barrier to equal and free access to public education; and

**WHEREAS**, the viral “Me Too” movement on social media has helped demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, especially in the workplace, while also bringing vital conversations about sexual violence into the mainstream; and

**WHEREAS**, free, confidential help is available to all victims and survivors of sexual assault through the Verity organization: by telephone at 707-545-7273; and online at <https://www.ourverity.org/>; and

**WHEREAS**, April has been declared National Sexual Assault Awareness Month by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, as a means of educating the public on the actions and behaviors and their consequences that can deeply impact the well-being of our communities. NOW,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Rosa City Schools District hereby proclaims April 2024 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” and encourages all faculty, staff, and students to increase their knowledge of the many types of sexual violence and promote an environment of mutual respect and dignity in and outside of their campuses.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools District on the 10th day of April, 2024.

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Roxanne McNally, Clerk

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