SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION No. 14-26

Proclaiming May 2014
Foster Care Month

WHEREAS, over 450,000 children and youth live in foster care in the United States of America, and children and youth in foster care are society's most vulnerable; children who have been abused and/or neglected; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is home to nearly 1,230 children and youth in foster care, with an additional 380 non minor dependents; and

WHEREAS, Student Programs and Services provides support to at risk students in a variety of settings focused to improve their well-being and educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Foster Youth Services exists to mitigate the trauma students in foster care have experienced and enable them to succeed academically; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the nation have declared May as Foster Care Month to increase awareness of the urgent needs of children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro Unified School District will demonstrate its commitment to improve the educational outcomes of children and youth in foster care by supporting National Foster Care Month events throughout Alameda County during the month of May 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Leandro Unified School District hereby declares May as National Foster Care Month and requests that elected officials and community members in Alameda County and all of its citizens recognize the unique needs of children and youth in foster care and increase both the awareness of the issue and their commitment to help these young people succeed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Leandro Unified School District on this 20th day of May 2014.

Lance James, Board President

Mike McLaughlin, Ed.D., Superintendent