SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 14-27

Proclaiming May 2014
Labor History Month

WHEREAS, the Labor Movement has been instrumental in assuring workers and their families a better quality of life through adequate pay and health benefits and safe working conditions; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has a rich labor history including the passage of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, the Fair Employment and Housing Acts, various laws extending collective bargaining rights to public employees, and wage and hour laws (including the 8-hour day and the right to meal and rest periods), among others; and

WHEREAS, Labor History Month provides students and the public with the opportunity to learn about labor history, collective bargaining, labor management relations and the contributions that workers have made to society and the workplace; and

WHEREAS, many young people are not aware of the meaning of Labor Day, or the sacrifices that public and private trade union members have made to ensure that our youth would have a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jerry Brown has declared May Labor History Month in California to commemorate the efforts of past unions, workers, and advocates of various industries; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown signed AB 2269 in 2012 to encourage public schools to include curriculum and activities that make students aware of the role the labor movement has played in shaping California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown has declared May Safe Jobs for Youth Month to coincide with the time in which many teens commence seeking summer jobs to ensure that employers comply with child labor laws, supply adequate training and supervision, and check equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the San Leandro Unified School District supports the protection of workers' rights and actively encourage districts in Alameda County to establish Labor History Month educational activities in their schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the San Leandro Unified School District will provide opportunities for youth to be educated on the history of labor relations and to enter into the workforce themselves through internship and training opportunities.

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