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**BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter Regarding LGBTQIA2+
School Awareness Month (June 2024)**

**Resolution No. 2024 – 24 (FCBE)
Resolution No. 2024 – 26 (FCSS)**

WHEREAS, June is a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQIA2+ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; and

WHEREAS, California state law addresses discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying towards LGBTQIA2+ youth; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous studies indicating the inequities experienced by the LGBTQIA2+ community, including poverty, homelessness, harassment, physical assault, domestic violence, hate crimes, mental health issues, suicide ideations, and substance abuse concerns; and

WHEREAS, bullying in schools is a serious matter that impacts student health and safety, and LGBTQIA2+ students are more likely than their peers to be bullied, physically assaulted and feel unsafe in school because of their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to focus on localized efforts that support LGBTQIA2+ youth including student and school resources that focus on positive behavioral interventions and support, LGBTQIA2+ studies, resources on school climate that address bullying and parent engagement, as well as tools for student health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2+ people have made, and continue to make, important contributions to the United States and to the world, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, technology, literature, civil rights, and politics; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools are focusing on cultivating positive and safe school environments to ensure academic and developmental progress for all students, where all students are treated equally and fairly, respected for who they are as a person, protected from discrimination and judgment based on sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression and have an equal opportunity to be

empowered with confidence and knowledge to successfully navigate and improve the ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools ("FCSS") has developed a website that is a resource page for students, schools, and their families. In addition, FCSS will provide staff development, professional learning, and/or capacity building for school districts. For more information go to: <https://see.fcoe.org/supporting-lgbtq-resources>

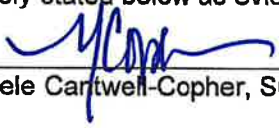
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools promote LGBTQIA2+ school awareness during June 2024 to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities during this month and throughout the year.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of May 16, 2024 by the following votes:

President James Martinez:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Allen Clyde:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Kimberly Tapscott-Murson:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>


James Martinez, President

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:


Dr. Michele Cartwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 5/16/24

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By: 

Dr. Michele Cartwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education

Date: 5/16/24