

April 16, 2024

APPROVED: DD:br

Board Meeting – April 14, 2024

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- G. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 53 to Recognize May 22, 2024 as Harvey Milk Day

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 53 as part of the regular County Board meeting on April 16, 2024; and further recognized May 22, 2024 as Harvey Milk Day and encourages communities to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities that honor the life and legacy of Harvey Milk and celebrate our diversity.

Resolution No. 53 is attached.

Next Steps:


- The LGBTQIA+ Steering Committee work teams will elevate the voices and needs of LGBTQIA+ staff at the Los Angeles County Office of Education by analyzing survey data and focus group findings to determine how to create a more inclusive work environment.
- The LGBTQIA+ Steering Committee will host events and provide educational opportunities throughout the year aimed at promoting exposure, understanding, and allyship with the LGBTQIA+ community both within LACOE and the LEAs we support

BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 53: 2023-2024

Harvey Milk Day

- WHEREAS Born on May 22, 1930, Harvey Milk made history as the first openly gay elected official in California, and one of the first in the nation, when he won election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 1977; and
- WHEREAS witnessing how the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community faced widespread hostility and had no voice in government, Milk fearlessly organized this community and extended a hand to others, working with labor and civil rights activists who were all struggling for justice; and
- WHEREAS Milk stood firm in his belief that freedom and dignity should extend to all human beings, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, at great personal risk; and
- WHEREAS he paid the ultimate price for his advocacy when he was struck down by an assassin's bullet just a year into his term on the Board of Supervisors; and
- WHEREAS his legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today; he was named as one of *Time Magazine's* most influential people of the 20th Century, was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama, and has been inducted into the California Hall of Fame; and
- WHEREAS the State of California has designated May 22 annually as Harvey Milk Day; and
- WHEREAS members of the LGBTQ community in the United States and around the world still face discrimination and violence, rooted in the same hatred that Milk died fighting; and
- WHEREAS his life provides an excellent forum to raise awareness of the need to end hate and bigotry, and his legacy continues to be an inspiration to all people committed to equity, inclusion and diversity; and
- WHEREAS his life provides an excellent forum to raise awareness of the need to end hate and bigotry, and his legacy continues to be an inspiration to all people committed to equity, inclusion and diversity; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education recognizes May 22, 2024 as Harvey Milk Day and encourages communities to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities that honor the life and legacy of Harvey Milk and celebrate our diversity.
- ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2024, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent



Yvonne Chan, Ed.D.
Board President