RESOLUTION NO. 22-2019-2020
OF THE
NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ON UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17-22, 2019, AS "UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK" IN THE NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF NOVATO AND OTHER BAY AREA CITIES

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose strength comes from its diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution enshrines equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion or political views; and

WHEREAS, recent federal policies and rhetoric have generated a toxic environment that encourages the propagation of racist, xenophobic, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, deep divisions within our country allow for the festering of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the past couple of years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, white nationalist groups held violent rallies in cities across the country, instilling fear across many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, in August 2019, anti-Semitic flyers were posted around Novato and at San Marin High School; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to unlocking understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, the Novato Unified School District is dedicated to preventing and opposing hate and intolerance in our schools and community, addressing bullying, and building safe inclusive communities for all; and

WHEREAS, Not In Our Town Novato is celebrating its one year anniversary where the Novato Unified School District, the City of Novato and North Marin Community Services formed a partnership with the grassroots group Not In Our Town Novato; and

WHEREAS, we seek to join other Bay Area cities and communities across the country in United Against Hate Week as an important step in bridging division and strengthening our communities; and
WHEREAS, we seek to support the November 18, 2019, “Community Conversation” taking place at the City of Novato Council Chambers. A short documentary film from Not In Our Town will be shown and a panel of speakers will discuss their experience with bias incidents, exposure to hate and harassment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Novato Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby declares its support of Not In Our Town Novato and United Against Hate Week activities in our communities November 17 through November 22, 2019, and each and every day beyond.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the governing body of the Novato Unified School District on this 5th day of November, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: ___

ABSENT: ___

State of California,
County of Marin

I, Debbie Butler, President of the Novato Unified School District Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.

Debbie Butler
President, NUSD Board of Trustees

Attested to:

Vice President/Clerk, NUSD Board of Trustees