



**Acalanes Union High School District
Resolution No. 22-23-26
LGBTQIA+ Pride Month
June 2023**

WHEREAS, public education serves families who represent great diversity, and it is our shared responsibility to ensure that everyone in each of our school communities is valued and respected regardless of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, it is policy of the Acalanes Union High School District that all persons, including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA+), have an equal and nondiscriminatory opportunity to a quality public education experience; and

WHEREAS, the District is fully committed to creating a positive climate, maintaining a safe and welcoming environment, and promoting a strong sense of belonging in our schools; and

WHEREAS, the District is furthermore committed to having that sense of belonging extend to families in the District as well as students, teachers, and staff, so everyone is welcomed equally to our campuses; and

WHEREAS, the District Governing Board believes that the rich diversity of families and communities is one of the District's strengths, and celebrates, values, and welcomes diversity of our student body, our teachers, our staff, and our administrators, including the diversity of sexual orientation and identity in our community; and

WHEREAS, June marks the anniversary of the first Pride Parade, which came one year after the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, a historic moment serving as a catalyst for the LGBTQIA+ rights movement in the United States and around the world; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth are at elevated risk for harassment, bullying and violence victimization at AUHSD schools, mental health problems, drug and alcohol use and exhibiting poor performance in school according to the California Healthy Kids Survey; and,

WHEREAS, record numbers of bills and laws targeting the LGBTQIA+ community have been introduced in states across our county in recent years with over 500 bills in 2023 state legislative sessions across the US; and

WHEREAS, formal support from the AUHSD Governing Board for our LGBTQIA+ students is critically important at this time as such a political environment can create fear and impact the wellbeing of our students; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acalanes Union High School District recognizes the month of June 2023 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and shall celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community, including by flying the progress rainbow flag at all District facilities, to inspire equity, foster stronger and expanded alliances, celebrate diversity, and promote a safe and welcoming environment in our schools and the broader community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this seventeenth day of May 2023:

AYES: Chen, Connelly, Grove, Kendzierski, Severson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Christopher Grove
Clerk of the Governing Board
Acalanes Union High School District