WHEREAS, the Salinas Union High School District advocates for diversity and safety in our schools and promotes the inclusive and respectful treatment of all our students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is an opportunity to celebrate the identities and contributions of our LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of services, and foster dialogue to promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous school climate and community for all; and

WHEREAS, June is recognized and celebrated as LGBTQ+ pride month throughout the country and worldwide; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the District has an LGBTQ+ Task Force composed of representatives from schools as well as community partners that meets bi-monthly to identify the ongoing needs of our LGBTQ+ students; and

WHEREAS, the SUHSD website https://www.salinasuhsd.org/domain/1341, on a page entitled, “LGBTQ+ Resources” lists supportive resources for LGBTQ+ students, their teachers, counselors and administrators, their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Salinas Union High School District commits to ensuring the equal treatment of all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity, and/or gender expression,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Salinas Union High School District designates June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools,
Salinas Union High School District

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-112

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Salinas Union High School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent to fly a Pride Flag at the District Office and all SUHSD schools in the last week of June 2022 to show support for the LGBTQ+ community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Salinas Union High School District on May 24th by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Kristina Szaszy-Jones
President, Board of Trustees