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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor:
Duly seconded by Supervisor:

The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 48 (GONZALEZ) RELATING TO
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PROTECTIONS IN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 48, introduced by Senate Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez, seeks to protect the rights and safety of students, families, and school personnel by prohibiting federal immigration authorities from accessing school campuses without a judicial warrant and by limiting the sharing of sensitive information related to immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of California's 9 million children (and 42% of Santa Cruz County's children) are part of immigrant families, with one in five living in mixed-status families, and the vast majority of these children are United States citizens, underscoring the critical need for school environments free from immigration enforcement threats; and

WHEREAS, studies have demonstrated that increased immigration enforcement actions near schools result in significant declines in student attendance and academic performance, including increased absenteeism, difficulties with concentration, and heightened dropout rates, disproportionately affecting Latinx students and children from immigrant families; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution guarantees all students, regardless of immigration status, the inalienable right to access safe, secure, and peaceful campuses, and SB 48 reinforces this guarantee by ensuring that schools remain safe havens where students can learn without fear of deportation or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, SB 48 aligns with California's commitment to upholding the rights of all residents, including immigrant families, by preventing collaboration between local law enforcement and immigration authorities in ways that jeopardize the well-being of students and school communities; and

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WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of protecting all students, regardless of their or their families' immigration status, to promote a safe and equitable educational environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors expresses its strong support for Senate Bill 48 (Gonzalez) and urges its swift passage to protect the educational rights, safety, and dignity of students, families, and school personnel across California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors expresses its strong support for an amendment to the bill that would expand immigrant protections to medical facilities, places of worship, ceremonial events including but not limited to weddings and funerals, and public demonstrations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Felipe Hernandez
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Juliette Rezzatto
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

JASON M. HEATH (01/21/2025, 25-1132)
Office of the County Counsel

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