

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING ALEX TRASK

WHEREAS, the mission of the Queer Youth Leadership Awards is to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth in our community by increasing positive awareness of queer youth leadership and increasing safe and welcoming environments at home, at school, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Queer Youth Leadership Award is given annually to queer youth who are 12 to 18 years of age to acknowledge their accomplishments and the contributions they have made to their communities, whether in their homes, schools, religious institutions, athletic or academic teams, or other social groups; and

WHEREAS, Alex Trask, a student at Delta Charter High School, has transformed the adversity and discrimination they've encountered into a powerful force for change—stepping into leadership roles, showing remarkable selflessness and kindness, and working to make Delta High a more inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, Alex is a committed member of the Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), engaging younger students through a pen pal program with their "little buddy" at New Brighton Middle School, and taking the initiative to create kid-friendly versions of laws and education codes that support LGBTQ+ youth; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Queer Student Union (QSU), Alex is leading efforts to assess school climate and access to gender-neutral restrooms, and will present their findings at the upcoming LGBTQ+ Symposium; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Alex served as Resource Fair Coordinator for the Queer, Trans, and Allied Summit, collaborating with community partners to ensure local youth had access to essential resources such as mental health support and safe sex tools; and

WHEREAS, while pursuing early graduation, Alex still made time to meet with policymakers during Sacramento's Advocacy Day, speak as an LGBTQ+ panelist at the Santa Cruz Library's banned books discussion, participate in Camp Out, and volunteer to inventory the school library's collection; and

WHEREAS, Alex's advocacy, leadership, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting impact on their school, community, and peers, helping to build a more inclusive and informed future for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize Alex Trask as a recipient of the 2025 Queer Youth Leadership Award.




Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

May 10, 2025

Date