

RESOLUTION 17-12

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE HISTORICAL MILESTONE OF THE 8TH GRADE HISTORY SOCIAL SCIENCE STANDARDS TO INCLUDE PACIFIC MARITIME ROUTES FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE IN ALL CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the waters of Monterey Bay are the essential physical resource for both teaching the economic and human evolution of this region, that nature sustained the Costanoans for centuries past, and lured the mariners of Spain, the Italians from Peru, the Chinese of Canton, whalers from the Azores, Boston sea captains and others, from their native lands to assure them that life here was possible; and

WHEREAS, as descendants or newcomers, because we choose to live at Monterey Bay, we are the self-appointed heirs to its history and keepers of its integrity, acting to share this responsibility with today's generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Around The Horn initiative was started at Santa Cruz County to fill the gap of all California teens in 19th Century US History, with the teamwork of Golden State History Riccardo Gaudino, Jefferey Canepa of Capitola and then Santa Cruz mayor Mike Rotkin, to advance teaching 8th grade teens the Pacific Coast maritime routes, fertile soil, climate, migration and settlement; and

WHEREAS, indeed, Santa Cruz County was the third largest port in California in the 19th Century for the export of limestone and redwood to San Francisco, Chile and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, to improve education, and to answer to their caring and proud dedication to preserve history, in 2006, the California Senate passed unanimously the Pacific Maritime Routes Resolution #33; and

WHEREAS, accordingly in 2016, the Board of Education adopted the History Social Science 8th grade framework standards, for all California Schools to include the Pacific transportation routes of "Around the Horn" maritime, and President Polk for the overland 1846 Year of Decision; and

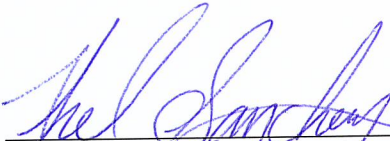
WHEREAS, students now will open the Pacific door in their work for learning their community history, sailing from Europe to the Atlantic and Pacific, searching the golden sunset for Asia, all which they are locally bound to with pride to tell this land's stories; and

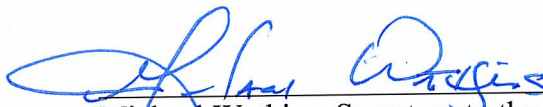
WHEREAS, for the first time, where the sailing ship, horse, covered wagon and railroad are all together, 7-8th grade students explore coastal-inland waterways for the accurate scientific analysis of how Pacific transportation systems influenced settlement and food commerce; and

WHEREAS, the gift of this historical thinking guarantees today's teens access to the essential, knowledge foundation of geography in the West, and Santa Cruz County's important pioneer role in US-Pacific 19th Century History; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education hereby adopts this resolution to commemorate this historic milestone of the 8th Grade History Social Science Standards to include Pacific Maritime Routes for Teaching Excellence in all California schools.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of July 2017.


Abel Sanchez, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education


Michael Watkins, Secretary to the Board
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools