



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AS

# *International Day of Women and Girls in Science*

**WHEREAS**, on December 22, 2015, the United Nations established February 11 as the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** to recognize the urgent need to advance gender equality and ensure full and equal participation of women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, this global observance was created in response to long standing disparities in access, representation, and leadership opportunities for women and girls in scientific fields, despite their historic and ongoing contributions to discovery, innovation, and social progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** serves both as a celebration of achievement and as a call to action, affirming that inclusive participation in science strengthens research, fuels innovation, and leads to better outcomes for communities locally and globally; and

**WHEREAS**, access to science education and science-based careers is essential to economic mobility, workforce development, and social equity, and inspiring girls at an early age to see themselves as scientists, engineers, technologists, and innovators is critical to expanding opportunity and building a strong future workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, **Girl STEM Stars**, founded by **Kiwoba Allaire**, is dedicated to empowering girls, especially girls of color, by providing access to science education, mentorship, and exposure to real world careers in science and technology, helping them build confidence, skills, and pathways to future success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates **February 11** as **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** and encourages the community to observe this day by celebrating women in science and supporting organizations such as **Girl STEM Stars** that expand access to science education and mentorship for girls.

*Dated: February 10, 2026*

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