



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

*Ruby Bridges
Walk to School Day*

WHEREAS, RUBY BRIDGES is an American activist who walked to school nearly every day and became a symbol of the civil rights movement at age six when she was the youngest of a group of African American students designated to integrate schools in the American South; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1960, **RUBY BRIDGES** was the only student of the group to enroll in William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, and on her first day of school, she was escorted by four federal marshals, and spent the entire day in the principal's office as irate parents marched into the school to remove their children; and

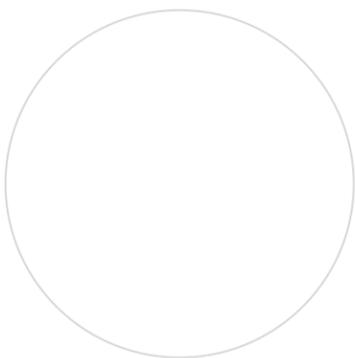
WHEREAS, RUBY BRIDGES stood for equality and desegregation in the early 1960s and is currently the chair of the Ruby Bridges Foundation, which she formed in 1999 to promote "the values of tolerance, respect, and appreciation of all differences"; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Safe Routes to School encourages and enables school children across San Mateo County to walk and bicycle to school by implementing projects and activities that improve the health, well-being, and safety of children, which result in less traffic congestion and emissions caused by school-related travel; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, scholars of Deborah Carlino's fifth-grade class from Martin Elementary School in the South San Francisco Unified School District learned about **RUBY BRIDGES** and were advocates for the adoption of a "Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day" as a means to honor Ruby's role in the Civil Rights Movement and each year, in conjunction with San Mateo County Office of Education Safe Routes to School program, leads this effort, which has led to a countywide walk to school day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November 14, 2025 as "Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day" throughout San Mateo County.

Dated: November 18, 2025



ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS