RESOLUTION NO. 16-17-23
IN RECOGNITION OF A SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the San Jacinto Unified School District Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students regardless of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status or beliefs.

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America recognizes every individual’s right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America was built by diverse people, both native and immigrant alike; and

WHEREAS, Education has played a critical role in furthering tolerance and strengthening our society; and

WHEREAS, San Jacinto Unified School District serves culturally diverse students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, San Jacinto Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Superintendent support the creation of a safe haven school district. This includes:

- Promoting tolerance and acceptance;
- Maintaining compliance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 2011 policy stating it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes all district schools, facilities and equipment. Furthermore, ICE shall not be allowed to enter school sites or district properties without prior written approval from the Superintendent or Superintendent’s designee;
- Restricting the sharing of student files that may be used to ascertain the legal status of students;
- Designating SJUSD school sites and facilities as safe havens for students;
- Allocating adequate resources necessary to support diversity, inclusion, and the values of a multicultural society; and

RESOLVED further, the Board reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness and kindness of all students, families and staff at all district school sites, facilities and material property; and

RESOLVED further, the Board of Trustees reaffirms San Jacinto Unified School District’s unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for all students, serving as a safe haven school district for students and families. Our schools will remain safe places for learning and teaching for all students.
PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the San Jacinto Unified School District, County of Riverside on this seventeenth day of January, 2017.

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John I. Norman                                       Willie Hamilton
President, Board of Trustees                  Clerk, Board of Trustees