

Board Meeting – April 21, 2026

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

H. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 65 to Recognize May 22, 2026, as Harvey Milk Day

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board adopt Resolution No. 65 as part of the regular County Board meeting on April 21, 2026; and further recognized May 22, 2026, as Harvey Milk Day and encourages communities to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities that honor the life and legacy of Harvey Milk and celebrate our diversity.

Resolution No. 65 is attached.

Next Steps:

- LACOE will promote the Board Resolution and following resources:
 - Our Family Coalition – Harvey Milk Day Resources:
<https://ourfamily.org/harvey-milk-day/>
 - LACOE LGBTQIA Resources:
<https://www.lacoe.edu/about/newsroom/resource-guide-library/lgbtqia-pride>
 - LA County Library “Celebrating our LGBTQ+ Community:
<https://lacountylibrary.org/pride/>

BOARD RESOLUTION

NO. 65: 2025-26

Harvey Milk Day, May 22, 2026

WHEREAS, Born on May 22, 1930, Harvey Milk made history as the first openly gay elected official in California and one of the first in the nation, when he won election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in November 1977; and

WHEREAS, witnessing how the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community faced widespread hostility and had no voice in government, Milk fearlessly organized this community and extended a hand to others, working with labor and civil rights activists who were all struggling for justice; and

WHEREAS, Milk stood firm in his belief that freedom and dignity should extend to all human beings, regardless of sexual orientation or identity, at great personal risk; and

WHEREAS, he paid the ultimate price for his advocacy when he was struck down by an assassin's bullet just a year into his term on the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, his legacy as a civil rights leader is still felt today; he was named as one of *Time Magazine's* most influential people of the 20th Century, was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama and has been inducted into the California Hall of Fame; and

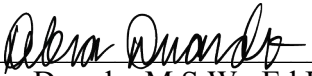
WHEREAS, the State of California has designated May 22 annually as Harvey Milk Day; and

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ community in the United States and around the world still face discrimination and violence, rooted in the same hatred that Milk died fighting; and

WHEREAS, his life provides an excellent forum to raise awareness of the need to end hate and bigotry and his legacy continues to be an inspiration to all people committed to equity, inclusion and diversity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education recognizes May 22, 2025, as Harvey Milk Day and encourages communities to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities that honor the life and legacy of Harvey Milk and celebrate our diversity.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2026, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.


Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent


James Cross
Board President