

Eastside Union School District



PROCLAMATION

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, 2021

WHEREAS, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on March 21; and

WHEREAS, on that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid pass laws. Proclaiming the day in 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2021 is, "Youth Standing Up Against Racism." It engages the public through #FightRacism, which aims to foster a global culture of tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination and calls on each and every one of us to stand up against racial prejudices and intolerant attitudes; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly reiterates that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies, and work to build peace through education for tolerance, and the rejection of racist stereotypes that persist. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) calls on everyone to mobilize for equality and dignity, and to adopt the motto of former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan: "Our mission (...) is to confront ignorance with knowledge, and bigotry with tolerance. (...) Racism can, will, and must be defeated."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastside Union School District Board of Trustees do hereby proclaim March 21, 2021, as International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the Eastside Union School District, and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Eastside Union School District this 17th day of March 2021.

Doretta Thompson, Clerk
Board of Trustees
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