

## **Bancroft Middle School Girls Wrestling Champions**

**Whereas,** the San Leandro Unified School District and the City of San Leandro recognize the important role extra-curricular activities like athletics play in developing youth; and

**Whereas,** Bancroft Middle School offers many opportunities for youth to participate in athletic activities, recognizing the role athletics play in developing skills like self-respect, respect of others, humility, dignity, self-reliance, resiliency, gratitude, diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

Whereas, Bancroft Middle School has offered and competed in middle school wrestling since 1991, under the guidance and leadership of Coach David D'Antonio; and

**Whereas,** since 1991, an average of 40 students each year have competed in local, regional and statewide competitions, including the Bronco Classic, which is hosted annually by Bancroft Middle School, and where the girls wrestling team won the state championship in 2005; and

Whereas, over the years, the number of girls has increased, and this year there were 29 boys and 29 girls on the Bancroft Middle School Wrestling Team, and

Whereas, in 2023, the Bancroft Middle School Girls Wrestling Team won the State of California Wrestling Championship Tournament; and

**Whereas,** in 2024, the Bancroft Middle School Girls Wrestling Team won the State of California Wrestling Championship Tournament for the second year in a row, beating 42 other teams; and

Whereas, no other San Leandro school athletic team has ever won two state championships in a row; and

**Whereas,** six former Bancroft Middle School wrestlers now wrestle at the college level, demonstrating the importance of foundational programs like this one.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Juan González III, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby recognize the **"2024 Bancroft Middle School Girls Wrestling Team"** as Champions for the second year in a row.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

Juan González, III Mayor City of San Leandro