

SUPPORTING TITLE IX AND FAIRNESS IN GIRLS' INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

RESOLUTION NO. 29/2024-2025

Background: Title IX passed as a landmark federal law intended to eliminate discriminatory practices based on sex in educational institutions that receive federal funding in such areas as admissions, academics, athletics, and facilities. In sports, Title IX was particularly significant because it addressed the disparities in athletic opportunities between men and women. The intent was to ensure that women had the same opportunities as men to participate, compete, and succeed in educational and athletic programs. The goal was to dismantle barriers that kept women from reaching their full potential in sports and other educational pursuits and to ensure that both male and female athletic programs have equitable access to opportunities, funding, facilities, and resources.

The original purpose of Title IX was to ensure that women had equal opportunities in sports, and it remains a significant core value in advocating for women's rights in education and athletics, and as such should be carried out in its original intent.

WHEREAS, the Desert Sands Unified School District (DSUSD) is committed to upholding fairness, safety, and equal opportunities for all student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972 was enacted to prohibit sex-based discrimination in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, ensuring that female athletes have equal opportunities to compete and excel in sports; and

WHEREAS, Title IX has played a critical role in expanding opportunities for female athletes, promoting fair competition, and increasing access to scholarships and other athletic advancements; and

WHEREAS, the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) is responsible for governing interscholastic athletics and must ensure that policies align with the principles of fairness, safety, and equal opportunity outlined in Title IX; and

WHEREAS, protecting the integrity of sports programs for all students is essential to maintaining an even playing field for female athletes and preserving the intent of Title IX;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Desert Sands Unified School District affirms its unwavering support for Title IX and calls on athletic governing bodies to uphold its protections by ensuring fairness in girls' sports.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Desert Sands Unified School District this **10th** day of **June 2025**, by the following vote:

YES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED: