



Santa Barbara Unified School District

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Resolution 2012/13-12

Resolution Proclaiming Santa Barbara Unified School District's Recognition of National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

WHEREAS, National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month had its origins in 1968 when Congress passed Public Law 90-498, which authorized and requested the President to issue an annual proclamation designating the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Week. This law celebrated Hispanic-Latino Americans and the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua as well as Mexico's independence on September 16.

WHEREAS, in 1988 Hispanic-Latino Heritage Week was changed to a month-long recognition and the name was changed to National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month. The decision was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402 and amended in Public Law 90-498. National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month begins on September 15 and ends on October 15.

WHEREAS, throughout history and into current day, Hispanics-Latinos have made significant contributions in areas such as education, government, science, medicine, entertainment, literature, sports, military, thereby adding to the vibrancy of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Hispanic-Latino population of the United States comprises the nation's largest ethnic or race minority and census records indicate that in 2011 Hispanics-Latinos constituted 16.7 percent of the national total population and 38.1 percent of California's population. In the Santa Barbara Unified School District, 58 percent of the districts' students are Hispanic or Latino.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education believes that National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month provides a valuable opportunity for all students and staff to learn and recognize the contributions, histories, and cultures of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara, California, held on the 11th day of September 2012, by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Abstain: _____

By: _____ Date: _____
David E. Cash, Ed.D. Secretary-Clerk to
Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education