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**Resolution of Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Proclaiming September 15 – October 15, 2018  
National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018/19-13**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month had its origins in 1968 when the United States Congress passed Public Law 90-498, which authorized and requested the President of the United States to issue an annual proclamation designating the week including September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> as National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Week. This law celebrated Hispanic and Latino Americans, the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and Mexico's independence on September 16, 1810; and

**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<sup>th</sup> and ends on October 15<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout history and into current day, Hispanics and Latinos have made significant contributions in areas such as education, government, science, medicine, entertainment, literature, sports, military, thereby enhancing and shaping the vibrancy of the United States with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic or Latino students represent nearly 60 percent of Santa Barbara Unified School District's 2017-2018 population, enriching the education experience of all students and staff. The District is also comprised of a diverse group of Hispanic and Latino certificated and classified employees who have a profound and positive influence through their commitment to strengthen the educational success of every child.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education proclaims National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month September 15 – October 15, 2018 recognizing this year's theme, *Hispanics: One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions*. The Board further urges all students and staff to observe this month by learning and acknowledging the contributions, histories, and cultures of all American residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

At a regular meeting of the Santa Barbara Unified School District Board of Education, on motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline Reid, PhD, President  
Santa Barbara Unified School District

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Cary Matsuoka, Superintendent  
Santa Barbara Unified School District