



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 21/22-9
Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the month of September 15 to October 15 was designated as Hispanic Heritage Month by the United States Congress in 1988, and

WHEREAS, the huge and significant impact of Hispanic and Latino cultures and their centuries-old traditions are manifested in the achievements, customs, and laws of this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans may also trace their roots to the indigenous peoples of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize and pay tribute to the significant contributions and achievements of generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who serve our nation in business, government, the military, law, education, science, athletics, the arts, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, according to the US census bureau, as of July 2020, 60.5 million people or 18.5% of the population are of Hispanic or Latino origin, and 15.6 million or 39.6% of the population in the State of California are of Hispanic or Latino origin, and 315,000 or 27% of the population of Contra Costa County are of Hispanic or Latino origin; and

WHEREAS, students of Hispanic or Latino origin make up 26.7% of the population of Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the State of California is home to over 2,000,000 Hispanic students from kindergarten through grade twelve; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 51204.5 calls for instruction in the social sciences to include the study of contributions of Mexican Americans to the economic, political, and social development of California and the nation, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of this group in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers (NCHEPM), announced the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month observance theme: “Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope”; and

WHEREAS, we see the hope and resilience in our Hispanic and Latino students and their families in Mt. Diablo Unified School District

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mt. Diablo Unified School District Governing Board hereby recognizes, honors, and celebrates the many contributions, heritage, and history of Hispanics, Latinos, Latinas, and Latinx people during our annual commemoration and proclamation of Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional materials in a manner appropriate with COVID-19 regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this executed Resolution be distributed to all schools within Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENCES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Cherise Khaund, Board President

Debra Mason, Board Vice President

Linda Mayo, Board Member

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Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 09/08/2021
