



RESOLUTION #21-18
RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, each year our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month, a commemoration started in 1968 and expanded in 1988 to cover the 30-day period of September 15 to October 15, with its first day commemorating the start of the Mexican War of Independence, leading to the independence of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 theme of Hispanic Heritage Month is *Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope*; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes the myriad advances Hispanic Americans continue to make in areas including education, medicine, art, culture, and public services in our community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, 56% of K-12 students in Santa Cruz County identify as Hispanic or Latinx; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education encourages schools to annually recognize Hispanic Heritage Month (36 United States Code 126); and

WHEREAS, understanding Hispanic and Latinx history is an important part of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, history was made this Hispanic Heritage Month as Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 101 into law on October 8, making California the first state to require all high school students to complete an ethnic studies course before earning their diploma starting in the 2029-30 school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby recognizes September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all students, faculty, administrators, and parents, to remember and celebrate the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to California and the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 21st day of October 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

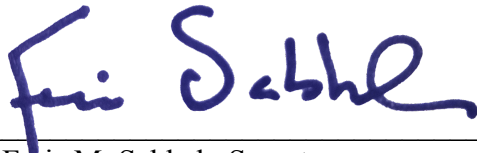
NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:



Rose Filicetti, Board President
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools