



**RESOLUTION #24-29**  
**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 2024 theme of Hispanic Heritage Month is Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together; 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**, 58% 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

**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.

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Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
August 15, 2024

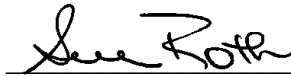
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 15th day of August 2024, by the following vote:

**Ayes: Estrada, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Absent: Acosta, Nichols**



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Sue Roth  
Board President



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Dr. Faris Sabbah  
County Superintendent of Schools