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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

RESOLUTION #25-31
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 2025 theme of Hispanic Heritage Month is Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future; 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 Latine; 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 Latine history is an important part of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in Federal policy, funding and staffing are creating new uncertainties and even fear for many of our Hispanic and Latine students, teachers, staff, families and community members;

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.

Resolution #25-31 Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
August 21, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz,
State of California, this 21st day of August 2025, by the following vote:

Ayes: **Acosta, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams**

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:



Abel Sanchez
Board President



Dr. Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools