



RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC/LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, from September 15, 2020, through October 15, 2020, the United States celebrates Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the recognition became a month-long commemoration in 1988, with the September 15 start chosen to acknowledge the Independence Day anniversaries of five Latin American countries that declared independence in 1821: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico declared its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18; and

WHEREAS, history is rich with Hispanic and Latinx peoples who positively influence and enrich our nation, our society, our region, our state, and our schools; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of persons with Hispanic and Latinx heritage have been a consistent and vital influence in our nation's growth and prosperity for more than five centuries; and

WHEREAS, the contributions from our Latinx and Hispanic students and families are a vital and vibrant part of our public school system; and

WHEREAS, 5% of the Sun Prairie community, 9.7% of our student body and 5 % of our staff identifies at Hispanic/Latinx; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, teachers, parents, and community members of the Sun Prairie Area School District are committed to a vision that "reflects the cultures of our diverse community" and a mission to "inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom"; and

WHEREAS, we are committed as a District to keep safe, honor, and love all of our children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proclaims September 15 - October 15, 2020, to celebrate Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education strongly encourages our staff and community members to observe, recognize and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Hispanics to our schools, communities, state, and country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned resolution was duly adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 28th day of September, 2020.

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