## Resolution MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-04** Recognizing

## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH September 15 to October 15, 2022

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education takes great pride in recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, as well as the opportunity to celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Hispanics and Latinos to the United States and in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson, expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, and was enacted into law in 1988 to acknowledge contributions Hispanics have made in the past and will continue to make in the future; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month is Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation which reinforces the need to ensure diverse voices and perspectives are welcomed in decision-making processes, and in helping to build stronger communities and a stronger nation; and

WHEREAS, as the world continues to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Hispanic Heritage Month theme encourages our community to be resilient, hold on to hope, and to recognize that we are stronger and more prosperous together; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County's Hispanic pupil population is over 61,000 or 82% of students enrolled in K-12 public schools and the Monterey County Board of Education is committed to improving the educational performance of this vast student population and supporting them in discovering who they are and who they can become; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics in the United States are reaching new heights in educational attainment and making positive advances in politics, human rights, medicine, art, culture, farming, public service, and numerous other professions and influences; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education is honored to have the opportunity to praise the positive influences Hispanics have in our community through their deep commitment to family, faith, hard work, service, and strong values:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution Number 22-23-04 to recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages Monterey County community members to honor the history and customs of the Hispanic community and support their progress through education and enrichment opportunities.

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