

# Proclamation

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the culture, heritage, and contributions of Hispanic Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month originally began as a weeklong celebration in 1968 to commemorate two key historical events: Independence Day, honoring the formal signing of the Act of Independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua (Sept. 15, 1821), and Mexico's Independence Day, which denotes the beginning of the struggle against Spanish control (Sept. 16, 1810); and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988 this celebration was expanded to a month-long period to include El Día de la Raza on October 12, celebrating the heritage and cultural diversity of Latin America and Chile's Independence Day on September 18; and

**WHEREAS**, 44 percent of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools student population is Hispanic/Latino; and

**WHEREAS**, 18 percent of Adams 12 Five Star Schools' teachers, certified, classified and administrative staff are Hispanic/Latino; and

**WHEREAS**, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is committed to honoring, celebrating and recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Americans, Coloradans and Five Star students and staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education, proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2023 as **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

**Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting on September 6, 2023.**