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RESOLUTION #23-24-06

National Hispanic and Latin America Heritage Month

September 14, 2023

WHEREAS, during Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the immeasurable contributions and unique stories of Hispanics, California's largest ethnic group. Californians know that our strength and prosperity lie in our state's diversity, including the 15.6 million Hispanic Californians with roots that can be traced across the Americas, indigenous communities of Latin America and Africa, and beyond, and;

WHEREAS, our Hispanic community has always been and will always be deeply rooted in California's history, identity and success. From the state's beginnings to the present day, generations of Hispanics helped build our state as we know it and shaped our social, political and economic landscapes. Across all facets of society, Hispanic Californians contribute to our state's vibrancy and growth every day, and;

WHEREAS, we also recognize the persistent disparities and disproportionate challenges the Hispanic communities face, and recommit to our work to help all Californians thrive. and;

WHEREAS, with bold action and inclusive policies to expand opportunities, push back against the forces of hate and advance our collective progress. Westminster School District will continue to lead the march towards equality and prosperity for all, and;

WHEREAS, the rich and diverse heritage of Hispanic and Latin Americans has played a significant role in shaping the history, culture, and contributions of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, September 15 marks the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, el Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and

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the subsequent independence of Mexico on September 16, and Chile on September 18, and;

WHEREAS, the period from September 15 through October 15 provides a unique opportunity for all Americans to recognize and celebrate the vibrant and enduring contributions of Hispanic and Latin communities to our nation's social, cultural, and economic fabric, and;

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latin Americans have made significant achievements in all aspects of American life, including but not limited to, politics, business, education, science, technology, arts, sports, and public service; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month fosters a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse histories, languages, traditions, and cultures within the Hispanic and Latin communities, contributing to the multicultural tapestry of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to promote awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by Hispanic and Latin communities, and to reaffirm our commitment to addressing issues of equity, inclusion, and social justice; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Westminster School District recognizes and celebrate September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, and encourages all citizens to take part in the festivities and educational activities that honor the contributions and heritage of Hispanic and Latin Americans; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Westminster School District commits to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within our organization and in our community, and to work collaboratively with Hispanic and Latin communities to address issues of social and economic disparities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is to encourage broader recognition and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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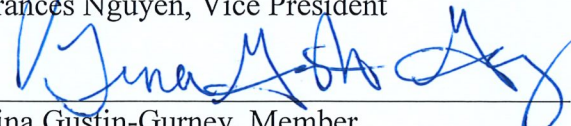
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ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Westminster School District held this 14th day of September 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 **NOES:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0 **ABSENT:** 0

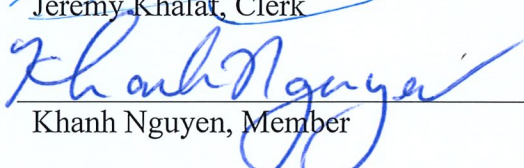

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