RED CLAY SCHOOLS

Declaration of Hispanic Heritage Month: September 15-October 15, 2020

It is with great enthusiasm that on this day of September 16, 2020, the Red Clay Consolidated School District proclaims, acknowledges, celebrates, and recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month here in Red Clay.

Hispanic Heritage Month has a story of its own. In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim the week of September 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1988, the observance was expanded to a month-long celebration. It is the only celebration that starts mid-month and honors the contributions of our Hispanic Community.

The celebration acknowledges Latinos who are known for their diverse cultures that embrace family, tradition, food, music, and dance. The date was chosen as it marked the anniversary of five Latin American Countries' Independence: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their Independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

There are 16 Spanish-speaking countries in the world: Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, Uruguay, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Panamá, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Spain.

Delaware is home to a population of 9% Hispanic descendants.

As the Superintendent of the Red Clay Consolidated School District, it is my pleasure to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month on behalf of the Red Clay Consolidated School District Board of Education and the Red Clay community.

Dorrell Green
Superintendent, Red Clay Consolidated School District
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