

Resolution

MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26/27-04

Recognizing September 15, 2026 through October 15, 2026 as National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15 through October 15, honoring the histories, cultures, traditions, achievements, and contributions of Americans whose heritage is rooted in Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, “*Unidos, Somos Más*” (*Together, We Are More*), celebrates unity, collective strength, and the power of community, and closely reflects the MPUSD Way tenet “We’re Better Together,” affirming that our diversity and shared commitment to one another make our schools and communities stronger; and

WHEREAS, generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans have made significant and lasting contributions to our nation and communities through education, public service, the arts, sciences, business, agriculture, civic leadership, and countless other fields; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino history and culture are deeply connected to California and the Monterey Peninsula, and continue to shape the identity, strength, and vitality of the communities served by the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, MPUSD proudly recognizes the students, families, educators, staff, leaders, and community partners of Hispanic and Latino heritage whose experiences, voices, traditions, talents, and contributions enrich our schools each day; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the diverse cultures and experiences represented throughout MPUSD helps students develop greater understanding, connection, and appreciation for one another and reflects our shared commitment that Every Person Matters and We’re Better Together; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity for our schools and community to honor the accomplishments of generations past, celebrate the contributions being made today, and inspire our students to see themselves as leaders and contributors to the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District hereby recognizes September 15, 2026, through October 15, 2026, as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages students, staff, families, and community members to celebrate and learn from the histories, cultures, achievements, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every student and family feels seen, valued, respected, and represented within the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District on this this 8th day of September 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Tom Jennings
Board President

ATTESTED TO:

Daniel "PK" Diffenbaugh, Ed.L.D.
Secretary/Clerk of the Board of Education
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

