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Resolution No. 2023/24-12
Date: September 13, 2023

Resolution Recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2023, as Latinx Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the Latinx community has a long and important history of commitment to our Nation’s core values, and the contributions of this community have helped make our country great;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved Public Law 90-498 in 1968 to designate the week of September 15th as “National Hispanic Heritage Week”;

WHEREAS, in 1988 the United States Congress passed Public Law 100-402 which amended Pub. L. 90-498 and established “National Hispanic Heritage Month”;

WHEREAS, the term “Hispanic” both celebrates the colonization and erases African and indigenous roots of the peoples of Latin America;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Santa Rosa City Schools works to create a culture of belonging in our school community;

WHEREAS, the terms to use to define people’s individual and collective identities are both personal and institutional choices;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Santa Rosa City Schools chooses to utilize Latinx or Latine - terms that reflects the diversity in the individuals in our community who have Latin American roots - in this resolution and invites community conversation around these choices;

WHEREAS, the Latinx population in the United States is projected to grow to 107,000,000 people by 2065, at which point the Latinx population will comprise more than 24 percent of the total population of the United States;

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were more than 18,701,184 Latinx children under 18 years of age in the United States, which represents approximately ⅓ of the total Latinx population in the United States;

WHEREAS, nationwide, Latinxs cast approx. 16.6 million votes in 2020, an increase of 30.9% over the 2016 presidential election;

WHEREAS, the number of eligible Latinx voters is expected to rise to 40,000,000 by 2030, accounting for 40 percent of the growth in the eligible electorate in the United States by 2032;

WHEREAS, in the 2020 Census, the Latinx population accounted for 28.3% of the total population in Sonoma County;

WHEREAS, understanding Latinx history and culture is an important part of celebrating Latinx Heritage Month;

WHEREAS, the September-October period covers a wide range of Independence Days for the Latin American countries of Central America, South America, the Caribbean and Mexico;

WHEREAS, Latinx Heritage Month celebrates the history and culture of the nation's Latinxs and acknowledges their influence on politics, the economy, and the social and cultural life throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Latinx Americans have enriched the American way of life, and we recognize the millions of Latinx Americans whose love of family, hard work, and community have helped unite us as a people and sustain us as a Nation;

WHEREAS, as entrepreneurs and public servants, scholars and artists, Latinx Americans have provided wisdom, energy, and leadership to our communities, and to our country;

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education recognized in its Multicultural Education Policy that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; and

WHEREAS, the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experience of men and women of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups which is integrated at every level;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on September 13, 2023, the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education proclaims the month of September 15 to October 15, 2023 as Latinx Heritage Month and encourages all District schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Governing Board of Santa Rosa City Schools, County of Sonoma, State of California on September 13, 2023.

Ever Flores, Clerk of the Board

Date