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Resolution No. 2021/22-12
Date: September 8, 2021

Resolution Recognizing September 15 to October 15, 2021, 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 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 1/3 of the total Latinx population in the United States;

WHEREAS, a record 12,700,000 Latinxs voted in the 2016 Presidential election, representing a record 9.2 percent of the electorate in the United States;

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, 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; 1

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 8, 2021, the Board of Education of the City of Santa Rosa Elementary and High School Districts, proclaims the month of September 15 to October 15, 2021 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 8, 2021.

Ever Flores, Clerk of the Board

Date