

Woodland Joint Unified School District



Resolution 7-22
Latino Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15, 2021

WHEREAS, since 1988, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month beginning on September 15th through October 15th; and

WHEREAS, the term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, September 15 was chosen as this celebration's start date in order to coincide with the Independence Day celebrations of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico, Chile, and Belize observe their independence on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is “Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope.” The theme invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. It encourages us to reflect on all of the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will continue to make in the future. It is also a reminder that we are stronger together; and

WHEREAS, Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, Latino Americans continue to make important contributions to our society in American government, business, agriculture, commerce, Armed Forces, education, the arts, science, and sports; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is home to approximately 3,320,300 Latino students from kindergarten through grade twelve in the 2020-21 school year, which is 55.3% of the student population in California; and

WHEREAS, Latino students comprised 69.5% of the 2020-21 student body in the Woodland Joint Unified School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees proclaims the month beginning September 15 and ending on October 15, 2021 as *Latino Heritage Month* and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2021, by unanimous vote of the Trustees present.


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT