Joint Resolution No. 20-57
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

Endorsing September 15, 2020, - October 15, 2020, as National Hispanic Heritage Month and Latinx Heritage Month in the State of California

Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month and Latinx Heritage Month in the State of California are observed each year from September 15 to October 15 to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

Whereas, the month includes the independence days of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile, and Belize; and

Whereas, the Latinx community is exceptionally diverse and includes indigenous people from throughout the Americas; and

Whereas, the Latinx community comprises the largest racial or ethnic group in the United States, with the largest population living in California, and represents 24% of San Mateo County’s total population and 38% of students in San Mateo County public schools; and

Whereas, members of the Latinx community have made countless contributions to the United States’ economy and culture, serving in all branches of the Armed Forces, as dedicated public servants, and as leaders in education, health care, business and entrepreneurship, and other professions; and

Whereas, for generations, Latinx leaders in California have propelled movements, developed civic power to promote social change, and helped build a bright future for all Californians; and

Whereas, the heritage celebration provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight the diversity of the Latinx community and its many and rich contributions to both California and the United States; and

Whereas, San Mateo County schools have an important role to play in educating students and the larger community about the diversity of the Latinx community and its contributions to the State of California;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby commit to highlighting the rich diversity of peoples and histories within the Latinx community over the course of 2020-2021.

SAN MATEO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Passed and Adopted on this Second Day of September 2020

SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

President