



Resolution 17-10

## Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15, 2017

**WHEREAS**, California is home to a dynamic and diverse population, with many citizens who hail from Spanish-speaking nations. September 15 marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, and it is a time to celebrate the economic, cultural and social contributions of our Hispanic population.

**WHEREAS**, the recognition became a month long commemoration in 1988, with the September 15 start chosen to acknowledge the independence day anniversaries of five Latin American countries that declared independence in 1821: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18.

**WHEREAS**, today nearly 39% of California's population is Hispanic, where their commitment to democracy and opportunity remains strong. Hispanic-Californians enrich our state through their entrepreneurship, their commitment to community service and their deep value of justice and liberty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**; that the Pittsburg Unified School District Board of Education, hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2017 as "Hispanic Heritage Month"; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Superintendent or her designee shall work with all schools in the district to recognize and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through culturally relevant activity;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The Board of Education encourages the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in the United States to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, on September 13, 2017 at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES:	4
NOES:	0
ABSTAIN:	1
ABSENT:	0

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at the time and place noted and by vote stated.

  
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De'Shawn Woolridge, Board President