



## Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution

The Board of Education  
Pittsburg Unified School District  
**Resolution 18-56**

**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, 2019 as "Hispanic Heritage Month"; and

**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;

**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 in a manner deemed appropriate by the school site;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to post a copy of this resolution at each School Site and the District Office; and

**Passed and Adopted**, on February 6, 2019 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 3  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2

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Duane Smith, Board President