



Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution

Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America.

The Board of Education Pittsburg

Unified School District

Resolution #23-07

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, and Hispanic students represent the largest racial/ethnic group among the state's child population, 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.

WHEREAS, in Pittsburg Unified School District (or PUSD), where Hispanic students make up 65 percent of the student population, instilling students with pride in their culture and themselves is of high priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Pittsburg Unified School District Board of Education, hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2023, 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;
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 September 13, 2023 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0


Taylor Sims, Board President