



**Yolo County Board of Education
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #21-22/04
Latino/Chicano Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15, 2021**

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage month was proposed in 1968 by U.S. Congressman Edward R. Roybal and enacted into law on August 17, 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, Indigenous or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, September 15th 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;” 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 3,383,488 Latino students from kindergarten through grade twelve, which is 54.9% of the student population in California; and

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education on August 10, 2021.

AYES: Moreno, Souza Cole, Taylor, Zendejas

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Matt Taylor, President
Yolo County Board of Education

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Yolo County Superintendent of Schools