

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-17-06

Honoring

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

WHEREAS, the 2016 theme for **National Hispanic Heritage Month** is “*Honoring Our Heritage. Building Our Future*” recognizes the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate the special heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week, which began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, was expanded to **National Hispanic Heritage Month** by President Ronald Reagan and enacted into law in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15, the day which represents the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County celebrates the Hispanic culture through community events such as the annual El Grito Festival and Dia de la Familia to help celebrate the century-old traditions and customs through live music, dance, and delicacies from many different Hispanic regions; and

WHEREAS, with the term Hispanic or Latino referring to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race, Hispanic Americans have helped to shape our communities throughout Monterey County and have had profound influences through a strong commitment to family, faith, and community, an enduring work ethic and their many contributions to society including serving on our school boards and working in our educational communities; and

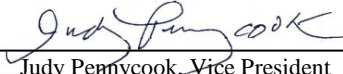
WHEREAS, with California having the largest Hispanic population of any state, the Federal Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States is the largest ethnic minority with 55 million people or 17% of Americans being of Hispanic or Latino origin:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution 16-17-06 to encourage the celebration of **National Hispanic Heritage Month** in the schools of Monterey County with activities appropriate to the occasion, and to value the roles and contributions of Hispanics to the local and national economies, culture, and identity.

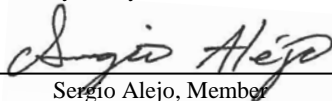
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on the Seventeenth Day of August 2016**



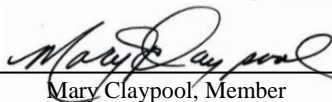
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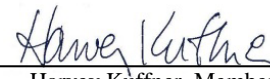
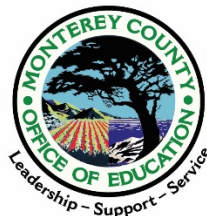
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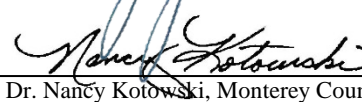
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