

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-10

*Honoring*

### **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

*Mes de la Herencia Hispana: September 15 to October 15*

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Week began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, and was expanded 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**, the theme for 2015 **National Hispanic Heritage Month** is “*Honoring our Heritage. Building our Future;*” and during this month-long period we honor the significant contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic Americans to the United States and celebrate the group’s heritage and culture; and

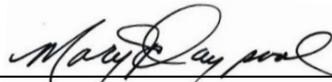
**WHEREAS**, locally Monterey County’s Salinas United Business Association in the Alisal community hosts an annual El Grito Festival during this month to celebrate Mexican Independence Day and centuries-old traditions and customs through live music, dance, and delicacies from the different regions of Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans have helped to shape our communities throughout Monterey County with profound and positive influences through a strong commitment to family, faith, and community, an enduring work ethic and many contributions to society including dedicated public servants, holding locally elected positions, serving in our board rooms, as well as our classrooms; and

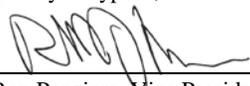
**WHEREAS**, the Federal Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States is the largest ethnic minority with over 54 million Hispanics in the U.S. and with purchasing power estimated at over \$1.5 trillion, and Hispanics are becoming more educated, with college enrollment among Hispanics ages 18 to 24 more than tripling from 1996 to 2012:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution 15-16-10 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.

**Passed and Adopted  
on the  
Second Day of September 2015**



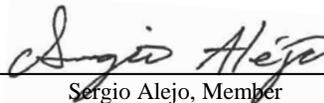
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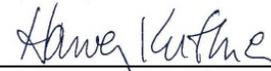
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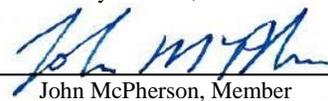
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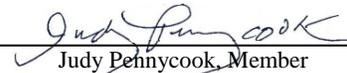
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