

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2020-2021

ESTABLISHMENT OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, individuals of Hispanic heritage have made and continue to make significant contributions to American society and that of California; 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, Hispanic students comprise more than 25% of the Elk Grove Unified School District student population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are a diverse group that represent numerous ethnicities and geographic and political regions, identifying with a variety of terms including Latinx, Latino/a, Hispanic, Chicana, Chicano/a, and country-specific terms; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans may also trace their roots to the indigenous peoples of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this group span the fields of medicine, law, education, agriculture, sports, the arts, science, business, and government; and

WHEREAS, the cultural influences of this group have been remarkable in the food, language, and music of American culture; and

WHEREAS, awareness of these contributions should be a part of a full understanding of our shared history and culture;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of Elk Grove Unified School District that September 15 through October 15, 2020, is designated as Hispanic Heritage Month and that all educational sites are encouraged to recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans through our curriculum and activities at the school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to every school in the District.

Christopher R. Hoffman
Secretary to the Board of Education