

PROCLAMATION:

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized nationally from September 15 through October 15, and serves an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of individuals who are of Hispanic and Latino heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, but was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, this observance celebrates the histories, culture, contributions and traditions of people, and their families, who came from Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean islands; and

WHEREAS: Modesto City Schools, as well as the entire Modesto community, is home to many Hispanic and Latino students and residents who play unique and vital roles in our economy, our workforce, and our diverse social tapestry.

WHEREAS: In the 2018-2019 school year, Modesto City Schools' K-8 student population identified as 69 percent Hispanic/Latino as well as 58 percent of the 9-12 population;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Modesto City Schools Board of Education does hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2020 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Individuals are encouraged to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs and to celebrate and learn more about our Hispanic and Latino communities.

Signed this 28th day of September 2020.

Dr. Sara Noguchi, Secretary
Board of Education
Modesto City Schools