

**RESOLUTION**

**Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month  
2017 Theme: *Shaping the Bright Future of America***

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Resolution No. 2210-2**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) takes pride in joining citizens throughout the country in recognizing September 15, 2017 as the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month; an opportunity to share the historical and present contributions of Hispanic Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the precursor of National Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as a proclamation by President Lyndon B. Johnson as a week to celebrate Hispanic culture, and recognize the important contributions that Hispanics have made to this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latino children make up the largest racial/ethnic group among the state's child population; 51% of California children are Hispanic/Latino and in Santa Clara County schools they make up 39.2% (108,349) of the student population; and

**WHEREAS**, in Santa Clara County 13.2% (1,823) of teaching staff are Hispanic/Latino and we believe it is important for our students to see themselves represented in the teacher workforce and through recruitment efforts increase diversity in our teacher ranks; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE has fostered a strong partnership with the Hispanic Education Foundation of Silicon Valley under the leadership of President and CEO Ron Gonzales to provide support to students and families through programs such as Latinos in technology, STEM, parent engagement, and leadership development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education in its continued effort to honor National Hispanic Heritage Month and to enhance equity and diversity, remains dedicated to providing resources and programming for Spanish speaking communities; offer translation services and training for teachers, schools, and school districts; continue recruitment efforts to attract diverse educators into the teaching profession; and continue to support safe schools and resources for undocumented students; and

**WHEREAS**, in resonance with the 2017 theme of "Shaping the Bright Future of America", the Santa Clara County Office of Education recognizes the significant contributions and considerable advances that Hispanic Americans have made, and continue to make in our community, state and the world, in areas including education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economics and development, politics and human rights; we see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools proclaim September 15, 2017 as the beginning of **National Hispanic Heritage Month**.

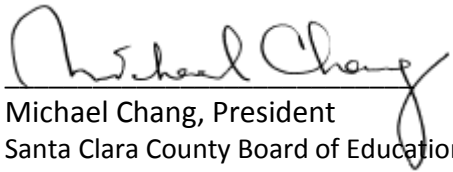
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 20, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chang, Vice-President Kamei, members Green, Rossi, Mah and Song

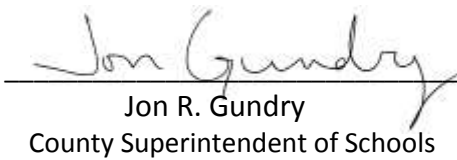
NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: member Di Salvo



Michael Chang, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Jon R. Gundry  
County Superintendent of Schools