

**RESOLUTION**

**Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month**  
***2018 Theme: One Endless Voice to Enhance Our Traditions***

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Resolution No. 2229-1**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) takes pride in joining citizens throughout the country in recognizing September 15, 2018 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**, Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, co-founders of the United Farm Workers Union, organized migrant farm workers in the San Jose area with members of the Community Services Organization in the 1950s and 1960s and improved working conditions for laborers while propelling both to the front of the civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, according to 2017-18 data from DataQuest, Hispanic/Latino children make up the largest racial/ethnic group among the state's child population; 54.3% of California children are Hispanic/Latino and in Santa Clara County schools they make up 38.4% (104,498) of the student population; and

**WHEREAS**, the achievement gap for Hispanic/Latino students in Santa Clara County remains a significant challenge with 37.31% not meeting standard in English Language Arts and 44.89% in Math on the 2017 Smarter Balanced Assessments; 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 change academic outcomes and provide support to students and families through programs such as Latinos in technology, STEM, parent engagement, and leadership development; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with the Hispanic Education Foundation of Silicon Valley, the SCCOE sponsored the printing of the 2018 Silicon Valley Latino Report Card which highlights the inequities facing Latinos in the region in the areas of education, health, financial stability, housing, and the environment, and our office is partnering with the Hispanic Education Foundation to educate and inform residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Office of Education has implemented collaborations with the Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) Eastside Alliance to promote and provide training for culturally relevant math instruction leading to increased math scores for Hispanic/Latino children and

partner with ConXion to offer high school completion services through Opportunity Youth Academy; 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; promote multilingual education through our Multilingual Education Services and involvement with the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE), and continue to support safe schools and resources for undocumented students; and

**WHEREAS**, in resonance with the 2018 theme of “One Endless Voice to Enhance our Traditions”, 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, 2018 as the beginning of **National Hispanic Heritage Month**.

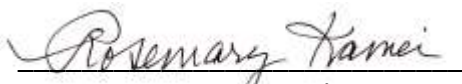
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 5, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Vice President Song and Trustees, Green, King, Mah and Di Salvo

NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: President Kamei and Trustee Rossi



Rosemary Kamei, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan  
County Superintendent of Schools