

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2324-1**

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Board of Education (SCCBOE) and the County Superintendent of Schools are honored to join communities throughout the country to recognize and celebrate September 15, 2023, as the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is dedicated to serving and providing resources to Hispanic and Latino/a communities and cultures, their unique differences and similarities; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, since 1968, from September 15 to October 15 the U.S. celebrates Hispanic and Latino/a culture and contributions to our nation and local community; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the SCCBOE has unanimously passed the previous resolutions highlighting the contributions Hispanic and Latino/a people are making within the county, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, this is an opportunity to share the historical contributions of Hispanic and Latino/a people that have significantly impacted education. Pioneers such as Roberto Alvarez, whose groundbreaking case Roberto Alvarez v. Lemon Grove School District (CA, 1931) was the first successful school desegregation case in American history; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the year, the SCCOE honors the contributions of Hispanic and Latino/a people in local history as well as celebrates the contributions of those who serve our communities and schools every day. Leaders such as civil rights trailblazers Cesar Chavez and Dolores Clara Fernandez Huerta, who have had schools constructed and named in their honor - including the new Cesar Chavez Early Learning Center in the Alum Rock Union School District on the east side of San Jose to serve youth in their early education, and “La Madrina of East San Jose” Blanca Alvarado, who was the first Latina San Jose Councilmember and Santa Clara County Supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin-McKinley School District Superintendent, Juan Cruz, was recognized by the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators (CALSA) as the CALSA State Superintendent of the Year. The CALSA is dedicated to growing a community of diverse educational leaders skilled in addressing the needs of Latino/a students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 Hispanic/Latino/a people made up 24 percent of the population in Santa Clara County according to Kids Data, which is above the average of 19 percent in the United States according to the Census; and

**WHEREAS**, to support this student population, the SCCOE has fostered strong partnerships in the community, including partnering 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 and Latino/a children; and

**WHEREAS**, other partnerships have been formed, such as the Hispanic Education Foundation of Silicon Valley, which provides support to students and families through programs such as Latinos in technology, STEM, parent engagement, and leadership development; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE remains dedicated to providing resources and programming for Spanish-speaking communities; offers translation services and training for teachers, schools, and school districts; continues recruitment efforts to attract diverse educators into the teaching profession; promotes multilingual education through our Multilingual Education Services and involvement with the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE), and continues to support safe schools and resources for undocumented students; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCCOE recognizes the significant contributions of Hispanic and Latino/a people in our community, state, and the world, as leaders, scientists, politicians, educators, public servants, and more; and

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools strongly celebrate the diversity and contributions of the Hispanic and Latino/a community during Hispanic Heritage Month and beyond.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on September 6, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: President Chon and Trustees Berta, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Rocha

NOES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Vice President Sreekrishnan



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Victoria Chon, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools