

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution 02-092222  
In Support of National Hispanic Heritage Month

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, members of the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Education are honored to join communities across the country and recognize September 15, 2022 as the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, MVWSD recognizes the importance of using inclusive language to invite discourse around the power of words to promote positive self-identity and belonging and recognize that the terms Hispanic, Latino, Latina, Latinx, and others are all valuable identifiers and that each person should have the autonomy to self-describe; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latino students and families make up the largest subpopulation of the MVWSD community members and are extraordinarily diverse, consisting of various nationalities, races, spoken languages, social and political histories, and cultural practices that should be celebrated and recognized as a key part of the social fabric in Mountain View; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latino members of our school community including Board members, teachers, staff, and administrators have helped to positively shape our community and have a profound influence on the lives of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic/Latino families and parents have been integral to the prosperity of our community through their leadership, support, and advocacy of our schools and whose many contributions to the nation are immeasurable and continue to leave an indelible mark on the U.S. culture and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of inequitable outcomes for Hispanic/Latino students and other marginalized groups in our community and across the state was exacerbated by the global pandemic and reminds us to continue to highlight the need for targeted strategies and resources to close the opportunity gaps for Hispanic/Latino students in MVWSD; and

**WHEREAS**, Mountain View Whisman School district boasts of our dual-immersion program at Gabriela Mistral that provides an opportunity for district families to benefit from immersive instruction in the Spanish language for all students at the site; and

**WHEREAS**, Mountain View Whisman School District affirms its commitment to being a place where all students and families feel empowered to reach their highest potential, acknowledging that this excellence is borne from a deep well of knowledge sustained through our diversity; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No. to encourage the celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month in the schools of the district with culturally-responsive activities, and to value the roles and contributions of Hispanic/Latino people to the local and national economies, culture, and identity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this 22nd day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Laura Blakely, Laura Berman, Ellen Wheeler, Devon Conley, Christopher Chiang

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees at a regular meeting as stated above.

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Vice President/Clerk  
Board of Trustees  
Mountain View Whisman School District