

RESOLUTION NO. 20B
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH RESOLUTION
Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past and Embrace the Future

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan and enacted into law in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15, the day which represents the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020 **National Hispanic Heritage Month** we honor the significant contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic/Latinx Americans to the United States and Contra Costa Community College District and celebrate the rich heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Community College District encourages attendance and participation in the many activities and events presented by local Hispanic American/Latinx organizations and community leaders to celebrate Mexican Independence Day and other Central American communities through living traditions and customs, music, dance, and food from the different regions; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans/Latinx have helped to shape our communities throughout Contra Costa County with pride and many positive contributions to society through a strong commitment to family, faith, and community, an enduring work ethic, dedicated public service, holding local, statewide, and federally elected positions, and serving as leaders in business and education while promoting equity and diversity in local institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic American/Latinx population in the United States is the largest ethnic minority with over 60 million people or 18.5 percent of the American population and the ethnic majority in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans make up 27 percent of Contra Costa County's adult population, 20 percent of the District's full and part-time employees, including its student employees, and 35 percent of the District's student population during fall 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa Community College District adopts **Resolution No. 20B** to encourage the celebration of **National Hispanic Heritage Month** at the District's colleges and in the community, and to value the roles and contributions of Hispanic Americans/Latinx to the local and national economies, culture, and identity.

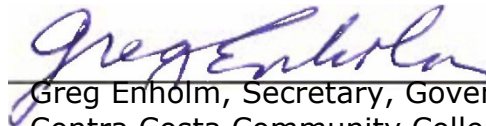
ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2020, by the Governing Board of the
Contra Costa Community College District.

Approved:



Rebecca Barrett, President, Governing Board
Contra Costa Community College District

Attested to:



Greg Enholm, Secretary, Governing Board
Contra Costa Community College District