

August 15, 2023

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Board Meeting – August 15, 2023

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

C. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 2 in Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 2, and proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage activities to celebrate this occasion in our education communities. September 15 through October 15 has been designated as National Hispanic Heritage Month in order to celebrate Hispanic and Latinx culture, heritage and contributions to American society (36 United States Code 126).

Board Resolution No. 2 follows on the next page.

**Next Steps:**

- LACOE will offer the following professional development opportunities regarding the inclusion of Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies in Ethnic Studies and American history courses:
  - Ethnic Studies Three-Day Institute, October 17-19, 2023 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education.
  - Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Ethnic Studies Symposium, November 7, 2023 at LaPlaza de Cultura y Artes in Los Angeles.
  
- LACOE will offer the following professional development opportunities that support Latina/o/x students, some of whom are also language learners:
  - El Saborcito de la Literatura en Español: Idioma Académico Español - Estrategias De Contenido Cruzado - Como Agua Para Chocolate, September 20 & 27 & October 4, 2023.
  - El Saborcito de la Literatura en Español: Idioma Académico Español - Estrategias De Contenido Cruzado - El Murmullo de las Abejas, January 24, 31, & February 7, 2024.
  - El Saborcito de la Literatura en Español: Idioma Académico Español - Estrategias De Contenido Cruzado - La Búsqueda de un Sueño, March 12, 19, & 26, 2024.
  - El Saborcito de la Literatura en Español: Idioma Académico Español - Estrategias De Contenido Cruzado - Me Llamo Rigoberta Menchu y Así Me Nació la Conciencia, May 8, 15, & 22, 2024.
  - La literatura infantil en español en la escuela primaria: Enriqueciendo nuestra lengua, February 29 & April 17, 2024.
  
- Books Highlighted:
  - **Solito** by: Javier Zamora
  - **Our America: A Hispanic History of the United States** by: Felipe Fernandez-Armesto
  - **Undocumented** by: Dan-el Padilla Peralta
  - **Bless me, Ultima** by: Rudolfo Anaya
  - **A Nation of Women** by: Luisa Capetillo
  - **Vanishing Maps** by: Cristina Garcia
  
- Events Highlighted:
  - [Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month - Montclair Place](#)
  - [SALVA Hispanic Heritage Festival](#)
  - [Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibition Reception](#)

## BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 2: 2023-24

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

**WHEREAS** The Los Angeles County Office of Education takes pride in recognizing and celebrating September 15 to October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which highlights the historical and present contributions of Hispanic Americans to American society and culture; and

**WHEREAS** Hispanic Americans trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South American and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS** the observance was born in 1968 when Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating National Hispanic Heritage Week. Two decades later, lawmakers expanded the observance to a month long celebration, stretching from September 15 to October 15; and

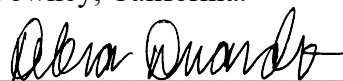
**WHEREAS** the observance coincides with national independence days in several Latin American countries; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua celebrate theirs on Sept. 15, followed by Mexico on Sept. 16, Chile on Sept. 18 and Belize on Sept. 21; and

**WHEREAS** LACOE celebrates the vibrant Hispanic-American spirit that influences our nation's art and culture, as well as the significant contributions and advances that Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make in our community, state, nation and the world; and we see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society, including civil rights icons Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta; and

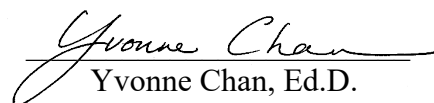
**WHEREAS** in continued efforts to honor National Hispanic Heritage Month and to promote equity and diversity, LACOE remains dedicated to providing resources and support for Spanish-speaking communities through our Multilingual Academic Support unit and Migrant Education program; LACOE also continues to support safe schools and resources for undocumented students and their families through Immigrant Relations; LACOE supports the inclusion of Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies in Ethnic Studies and American history courses; our Census Outreach efforts helped ensure that our Spanish-speaking communities were counted in the 2020 Census; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that that the Los Angeles County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage activities to celebrate this occasion in our education communities.

**ADOPTED** this 15th day of August 2023 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.



Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.  
Superintendent



Yvonne Chan, Ed.D.  
Board President