

August 19, 2025

APPROVED: DD:br

Board Meeting – August 19, 2025

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- B. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 3 in Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15, 2025 to October 15, 2025

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 3 and proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2025 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. 3 follows on the next page.

**Next Steps:**

LACOE will offer the following professional development opportunities:

- **Ethnic Studies Three Day Summit**  
September 8, 2025, October 21, 2025, February 17, 2026  
Information and Registration Link:  
<https://lacoepd.catalog.instructure.com/browse/cis/chsse/programs/ethnic-studies-three-day-summit-2025>
- **Ethnic Studies Three Day Teacher – Led Symposium**  
October 17, 2025, November 18, 2025, March 18, 2026  
Information and Registration Link:  
<https://lacoepd.catalog.instructure.com/browse/cis/chsse/programs/ethnic-studies-teacher-led-symposium-2025-2026>

LACOE will provide resources, local events and book recommendations on their website to educators and school communities

## BOARD RESOLUTION

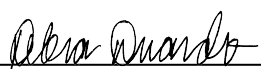
No. 3: 2025-26

### National Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15, 2025 to October 15, 2025

- WHEREAS** The Los Angeles County Office of Education takes pride in recognizing and celebrating September 15 to October 15, 2025 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** Hispanic/Latinx students represent the largest racial/ethnic group among the state's student population and in Los Angeles County make up 65% of the TK-12 public school enrollment; 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, 2025 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage activities to celebrate this occasion in our education communities.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

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

  
James Cross  
Board President