

HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION #22-23/01

National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, No matter the term one chooses to use, whether it be Hispanic, Latino/a, Latinx or Chicano/a, we speak of people who are civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers and so much more; and

WHEREAS, More than forty-two percent of enrolled students in the Hood River County School District identify as Hispanic and/or Latino;

WHEREAS, Approximately twenty percent of our employees identify as Hispanic and/or Latino and make great contributions to the accomplishment of HRCSD's mission;

WHEREAS Hood River County School District supports providing opportunities for our Hispanic and Latino students to partner and celebrate their cultures through MEChA, the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán club, whose motto is "unity makes strength," and other Latino/a/x clubs and activities; and

WHEREAS Hood River County School District honors and preserves the linguistic and cultural assets of students through dual language programs, and our Spanish for Spanish Speakers and

Advanced Placement Spanish courses which contribute to producing students who are prepared for the Oregon Seal of Biliteracy. These programs also provide the same opportunities to non-Spanish speaking students from diverse backgrounds, which contributes further to a positive, integrated multicultural, multilingual school community; and

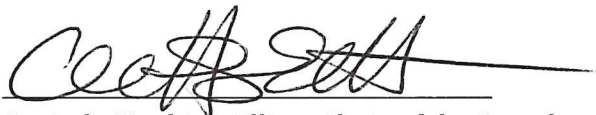
WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino individuals continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hood River County School District hereby proclaims September 15th – October 15th, 2022 as Hispanic Heritage Month and honors the rich diversity of the Hispanic and Latino community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to Hood River County, the state of Oregon and the United States of America.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2022.



Rich Polkinghorn, Superintendent



Corinda Hankins-Elliott, Chair of the Board

Motion made by: Brandi Sheppard

Seconded by: Chrissy Reitz

Passed/Failed: 5-0

Dated: 9/14/2022