



**Acalanes Union High School District
Resolution No. 21-22-10**

**Recognizing and Honoring National Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021**

WHEREAS, Acalanes Union High School District is honored to join members of our community and citizens throughout the U.S. in recognizing September 15, 2021, as the start of the National Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Heritage Month; and

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 2021 National Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Heritage Month we honor the significant contributions made and the important presence of Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Americans to the United States and Acalanes Union High School District and celebrate the rich heritage and culture; 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 over 15 million people or 39.4 percent of the population in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans make up 26 percent of Contra Costa County's adult population, 14 percent of AUHSD's full and part-time employees, including its student employees, and 10 percent of the AUHSD's student population during the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the District has adopted a racial-equity policy to establish commitment to address institutional racism and barriers to achievement within the District and to identify and correct practices, policies and systems that negatively influence student learning, perpetuate opportunity gaps, and impede equal access to opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, District curriculum development seeks to introduce multiple perspectives into the curriculum and to include more racially diverse texts; and

WHEREAS, Latinos Unidos and other student organizations have formed and are active at all our schools to give voice and support to our Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic students, affirm healthy racial-identity, and to bring positive change to the high school experience of all students; and

WHEREAS, our staff and students have developed educational programs and activities to educate our students, staff and parents during Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic History Month and teachers will make an effort to integrate Latinx history into curriculum this month and beyond; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all Americans, the Acalanes Union High School District Governing Board encourages educators, students, and families to learn about Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic History Month and about the heritage and achievements of Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Americans; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acalanes Union High School District Governing Board do hereby adopt this resolution to honor September 15, 2021, through October 15, 2021, as Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Heritage Month, recognize the tremendous societal contributions made by Latine, Latinx, and Hispanic Americans, and support the classroom lessons and activities presented by our staff as well as activities and celebrations planned by our student organizations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd Day of September 2021, at a meeting, by the following vote:


AYES: Connelly, Grove, Hockett, Kendzierski, Severson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by the members of the Governing Board of the Acalanes Union High School District at the public meeting of said Board held this 22nd day of September 2021.



Kristin Connelly, Clerk of Governing Board
Acalanes Union High School District