

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PETALUMA CITY (ELEMENTARY) AND PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – OCTOBER 15, 2026 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is a month to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions that generations of Hispanic Americans have made to American history, society, and culture through their contributions in sciences, arts, government, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15th and ends on October 15th to coincide with the independence dates of five Latin American countries that declared their independence from Spain in 1821: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, the United States Latinx and Hispanic population comprises 60.4 million people or 18.5 percent of the population, and 22.76 percent of the population of Petaluma. Latinx or Hispanic communities continue to contribute significantly to the political, economic, and social development of our city, our state, and our nation; and

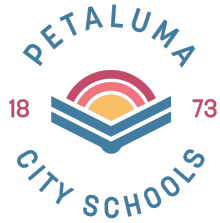
WHEREAS, each year, Americans are encouraged to deepen their understanding of the Latinx community by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Americans whose ancestors represent pre-Columbian civilizations included the Olmec, Maya, Zapotec, Teotihuacan, Mixtec, Aztec, and Inca, demonstrating kingdoms, empires, sophisticated cities, intellectual accomplishments and vibrant indigenous cultures developed in parts of Mexico, Central and South America, before Spanish conquest; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma City School District recognizes the diversity represented within Latinx communities, such as Black and Indigenous Latinx populations, and commits to creating spaces where the identities of these students are represented and celebrated year-round.

WHEREAS, the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma School District will continue its commitment to eliminating barriers that prevent our Latinx students from receiving equitable access; and

WHEREAS, the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level;



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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Petaluma City (Elementary) and Petaluma Joint Union High School Districts Board of Education proclaims September 15, 2026 – October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member Webster, who moved its adoption, seconded by Member Quinn and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

CLOUD: AYE PAUN: AYE QUINN: AYE WEBSTER: AYE WILLIAMS: AYE

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and **SO ORDERED** this **1st day of September, 2026**.

President, Petaluma City Schools Board of

Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Petaluma City Schools Board of Education