

Woodland Joint Unified School District



**Resolution 4-24
Latino Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15, 2023**

WHEREAS, since 1988, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month beginning on September 15th through October 15th; and

WHEREAS, the term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, September 15 was chosen as this celebration's start date to coincide with the Independence Day celebrations of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico, Chile, and Belize observe their independence on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is “Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America”. The theme recognizes the significant achievements of the Hispanic community in the economic and political industries; and

WHEREAS, Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, Latino Americans continue to make important contributions to our society in American government, business, agriculture, commerce, Armed Forces, education, the arts, science, and sports; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is home to approximately 3,284,788 Latino students from kindergarten through grade twelve in the 2022-23 school year, which is 56.1% of the student population in California; and

WHEREAS, Latino students comprised 69% of the 2022-23 student body in the Woodland Joint Unified School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees proclaims the month beginning September 15 and ending on October 15, 2023, as “Latino Heritage Month” and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2023, by unanimous vote.


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT