

## CONTINUING RESOLUTION HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH September 15 – October 15

## **RESOLUTION 24-38**

**WHEREAS,** Hispanic Heritage Week, which began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month 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,** U.S. Citizens, Residents, and Immigrants of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bureau of the Census estimates the Hispanic population living in the continental United States at over 62,000,000, plus an additional 3,400,000 living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans almost 18.9 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS,** the many students, faculty, staff and administrators of the Yuba Community College District of Latinx, Chicano/Latino, and Hispanic heritage have made numerous contributions of great value to our Colleges and District; and

**WHEREAS,** these contributions point out the pressing need to continue our collective efforts to complete the integration of the history of people of every race, gender, ethnic and social class into our mainstream curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, Our District wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of our many faculty and staff members for creating a series of educational events especially during this period in September and October that pay tribute to the experiences and contributions of U.S. Citizens, Residents, and Immigrants of Latinx, Chicano/Latino, and Hispanic heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of the Yuba Community College District adopts Resolution 24-38 to encourage the celebration of National Hispanic Heritage month, September 15, 2024 - October 15, 2024, in the colleges of the Yuba Community College District with activities appropriate to the occasion, and to value the roles and contributions of Hispanics to the local and national economies, culture, and identity.

Dated this 8th day of August 2024

**Yuba Community College District** 

Susan Alves, President Board of Trustees