

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 2
HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month, observed annually from September 15 to October 15, celebrates the histories, cuisine, languages, cultures, traditions, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from the Caribbean, Spain, and Central, North and South America, and other Mestizo or Indigenous groups; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx/Latiné students represent the largest racial/ethnic group among California's student population; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) recognizes the significant impact that Hispanic/Latinx/Latiné communities have had on the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the United States, California, and the Central Coast; and

WHEREAS, SBCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution with over 40% of our student population and 38% of our employees identifying as such. And, SBCC stands committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment that acknowledges and values the diverse backgrounds of its students, faculty, staff, and community members; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans/Latinx community have profoundly influenced and inspired our communities throughout Santa Barbara County. They have made many positive contributions to society through their strong commitment to family and community, bringing specialized knowledge that is integral to the success of our local economies. Their dedication to public service and leadership in business and education further strengthens our region, while their efforts in promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility enrich our local institutions and foster a more inclusive community for all; and

WHEREAS, SBCC strives to promote educational equity and to provide resources and opportunities that empower Hispanic/Latinx/Latiné students to succeed academically and professionally. Programs like ¡Raíces: First Year and Beyond!, the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA), the Centers for Equity and Social Justice Dream Center, Basic Needs Center and Rising Scholars are among others that uplift our SBCC Hispanic/Latinx/Latiné communities; and

WHEREAS, the SBCC community benefits greatly from the vibrant contributions of Hispanic and Latino/a/x cultures, traditions, and perspectives, which enrich our campus life and learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, engaging in meaningful learning opportunities, activities, and events during Hispanic Heritage Month aligns with SBCC's mission to support diversity, equity, and inclusion;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, formally recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, 2024, and encourages the entire SBCC community to participate in related activities, events, and educational opportunities both on campus and throughout the Central California Coast; and

The foregoing **RESOLUTION** was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 12th day of September 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Croninger, Miller, and Everett

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Trustees Gullap-Moore, Gallardo, and Stoddard

Advisory: Student Trustee Tan



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District



Dr. Erika Endrijonas Superintendent/President and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District