

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the United States recognizes and celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2015 through October 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States to be 55 million or 17 percent of the nation's total population, making people of Hispanic or Latino origin the nation's largest ethnic minority group; and

WHEREAS, more than one in four United States public school students is Hispanic, and the total number of Hispanic students enrolled in public schools is expected to increase to 52.9 million by 2024; and

WHEREAS, 19 percent of all college students between the ages of 18-24 years old are Hispanics, making Hispanics the largest ethnic minority group on college campuses in the United States, including both two-year community colleges and four-year colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the annual purchasing power of Hispanic Americans is estimated at \$1.3 trillion and is expected to grow to \$1.7 trillion by 2017; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 3.2 million Hispanic-owned firms in the United States, supporting millions of employees nationwide and contributing to the economic sector; and


WHEREAS, as of August 2015, more than 26 million Hispanic workers represented 16.6 percent of the total labor force in the United States, with the share of Latino labor force participation expected to grow to 19.1 percent by 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces and have bravely fought in every war in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1.5 million Hispanics age 18 and older are Veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Ventura County Community College District recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month and honors the vital role of Latinos in the economy, culture, and community throughout Ventura County and the United States.

Adopted October 13, 2015:



Dianne B. McKay, Chair




Stephen P. Blum, Esq., Trustee



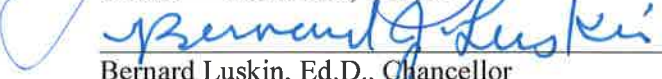
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