

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the United States recognizes and celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2013 through October 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States to be 53 million or 17 percent of the nation's total population, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic minority group as of July 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population in the United States is projected to grow to approximately 129 million by 2060, at which point the Hispanic population will comprise 31 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, California has the largest Hispanic population of any state at 14.5 million as of July 2011; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four United States public school students is Hispanic, and the total number of Hispanic students enrolled in public schools is expected to reach 28 million by 2050; and

WHEREAS, 16.5 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 purchasing power of Hispanic Americans was \$1 billion in 2010 and is expected to grow to \$1.5 billion by 2015; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2.3 million Hispanic-owned firms in the United States, supporting millions of employees nationwide and greatly contributing to the economic sector; and

WHEREAS, as of June 2012, nearly 25 million Hispanic workers represented 16 percent of the total labor force in the United States, with the share of Latino labor force participation expected to grow to 18 percent by 2018; and

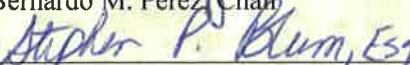
WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces and have bravely fought in every war in the history of the United States; and

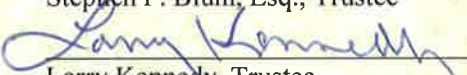
WHEREAS, 1.2 million Hispanics age 18 and older are Veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

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.

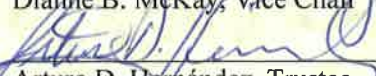
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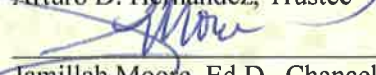

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