

# National Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution



WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace the Future" invites us to reflect on the legacy of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have served our country in the past and also those who continue to serve in significant and enduring ways today, whose rich culture and history are important to recognize in how they identify as either Hispanic or Latino; and

WHEREAS, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, Hispanics and Latinos serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parkrose School District hereby proclaims September 15th – October 15th, 2020 as Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month and encourage all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic and Latino communities and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

Adopted this 28th day of September, 2020.

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Chair Sonja McKenzie, Parkrose School Board