

# **CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2025.26.0002**

**WHEREAS**, from September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025, the United States celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic community in Oregon reflects a diverse mix of first-generation immigrants and longtime residents, with cultural roots across 24 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean including: Mexico, Puerto Rico, The Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Spain. They reflect an array of distinct and vibrant cultures that have enriched our community in valuable ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month is important because it provides an opportunity to celebrate the integral part the Hispanic/Latino community has had in growing and strengthening our democracy, and to shine a spotlight on the unique voices and experiences of Hispanic/Latino Americans and recognize their history, journeys, and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial School District serves a richly diverse student body, where Hispanic/Latino learners and families are essential contributors to the cultural, academic, and civic life of our schools and communities.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Centennial School District Board believes each and every student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, languages, ideas, beliefs and values within a school community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the Board of Directors for the Centennial School District, hereby retroactively promotes September 15-October 15, 2025 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and we encourage staff, students, and the community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and economic contributions of the Hispanic/Latino community to Oregon and the United States through culturally relevant activities, and to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.