

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

Resolution No. 2 Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15-October 15, 2021

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the Latino/a, Chicana/o, Latinx, Latine, and Hispanic communities and highlights their countless achievements and contributions;

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988;

WHEREAS, many Latinos trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, including the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas, the Maya, and the Tainos, while others trace their roots to the explorers and conquistadors from Spain, or to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the Western Hemisphere;

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 census, there are 210,654 Hispanics in Santa Barbara County, or 47% of the general population, an increase of 16% from the 2010 census;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College has been designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI);

WHEREAS, Excelencia in Education, a national initiative, has recognized three programs at Santa Barbara City College for their commitment to serving Latino students, namely the Math Tutorial Lab, Express to Success Program (ESP), and the Transfer Achievement Program (TAP);

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College acknowledges the on-going support of the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) to assist first-generation, low-income Latino students interested in pursuing a career in the STEM disciplines;

WHEREAS, Resolution 18 of the Board of Trustees signed on June 25, 2020, reiterates Santa Barbara City College's commitment to remove barriers and use available resources to increase the educational success of students and foster an environment where all students feel welcome, respected, and valued;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College will open a Dream Center this fall that will serve DACA students and others that are undocumented;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College supports Latino student groups, such as MEChA and the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS);

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College encourages and supports the development of an Employee Affinity Resource Group (EARG) for employees who are Latino;

WHEREAS, the American Ethnic Studies Program at Santa Barbara City College offers an Associate in Arts Degree in Chicano Studies and a number of related courses about the Chicano experience;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College offers study abroad programs in Mexico, Costa Rica, South America and Spain;

WHEREAS, the School of Modern Languages at Santa Barbara City College offers a variety of courses in Spanish, including courses for native Spanish-speakers to continue their formal language learning;

WHEREAS, the School of Extended Learning (SEL) at Santa Barbara City Colleges serves a large number of Latino students who are improving their English-language skills;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College will continue to host the Annual Leonardo Dorantes Lecture Series for the 30th time this year to honor the memory of Leonardo Dorantes, a second-year SBCC student and Mexican immigrant who was a motivated student, respected by peers and professors alike. Leonardo was tragically murdered in a race-related incident on State Street in November of 1990. The lecture series seeks to heighten awareness and understanding of racial and ethnic diversity in our society, politics, and culture;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College recognizes the historical significance of El Plan de Santa Bárbara: A Chicano Plan for Higher Education, a 155-page document written in Santa Barbara in April 1969 by the Chicano Coordinating Council on Higher Education to serve as a blueprint for the Chicana/o studies programs in colleges and universities throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara has several community-based organizations that support youth, families, and businesses in the Latino community, including students at SBCC, such as Just Communities/Comunidades Justas, Future Leaders of America, La Casa de la Raza, Santa Barbara Latino Giving Circle, and the Greater Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara has a strong Sister City Program with Puerto Vallarta, Mexico;

WHEREAS, current and former Latino students, faculty, and staff have made significant contributions in advancing the mission and vision of SBCC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, hereby join in with others across the United States to proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2021, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognize the value and diversity of students, staff, faculty, and administrators who are Latino at Santa Barbara City College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 15 to October 15 is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Latinos contribute to our common goals, celebrate their diverse cultures, and to work toward a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees invite you to celebrate and acknowledge the many programs and initiatives that Santa Barbara City College and the community have developed to support students who are Latino.

Signed and proclaimed this 23rd day of September 2021.

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 23rd day of September 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

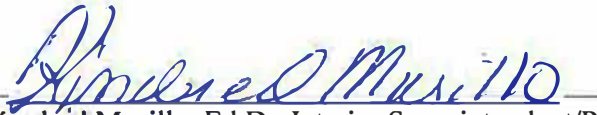
Ayes: Trustee Abboud, Trustee Haslund, Trustee Croninger, Trustee Gallardo, Trustee Parker, Trustee Everett, Trustee Miller

Noes: None

Absent: None



Peter O. Haslund, Ph.D., President, Santa Barbara
Community College District Board of Trustees



Kindred Murillo, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent/President and
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees