

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

**Resolution No. 3
RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2023**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates Hispanic communities, recognizes Hispanic heritage is American heritage, and highlights Hispanic peoples countless achievements and contributions; and

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; and

WHEREAS, many Hispanics 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 enslaved individuals to the Western Hemisphere; and

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; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College acknowledges the on-going support of the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) to assist predominately first-generation, low-income, Hispanic students interested in pursuing their educational goals; and

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

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College will open a Dream Center this fall that will serve Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), AB 540 and other undocumented and mixed status students; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College supports Hispanic student groups, such as Movimiento

Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) and the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS);

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College is in the process of implementing and offering training for staff and faculty for Program Raíces: First Year and Beyond!, a student empowerment program for first-time to college and returning, continuing and transferring students to cultivate their own educational, professional and life paths; and, which will provide targeted and intentional support for our Hispanic and Latina/o/x, low income and other diverse student populations;

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

WHEREAS, the Chicano Studies and other American Ethnic Studies classes have been added to Santa Barbara City College's General Education Institutional Requirements;

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 English as a Second Language department and School of Extended Learning (SEL) at Santa Barbara City College serve a large number of Hispanic students who are improving their English-language skills;

WHEREAS, current and former Hispanic 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, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

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

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 Hispanics 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 Hispanic.

Signed and proclaimed this 14th day of September 2023.

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 14th day of September 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0
Advisory: 1



Jonathan Abboud, President, Santa Barbara
Community College District Board of Trustees



Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D., Superintendent/President and
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees