WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month was proposed in 1968 by U.S. Congressman Edward R. Roybal and enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the United States celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month for a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15, which celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, September 15 was chosen as this celebration's start date in order to coincide with the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile observe their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latina/o populations have been integral to the prosperity of the United States, and their contributions to the nation are immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latina/o populations have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latina/o population continue to make important contributions to our society in American government, business, agriculture, commerce, Armed Forces, education, the arts, science, and sports; and

WHEREAS, based on 2022-23 school year data, the State of California is home to approximately 3,284,788 Hispanic or Latina/o students from kindergarten through grade twelve, which is 56.1% of the student population in California; and

WHEREAS, based on 2022-23 school year data, Yolo County enrolls 14,278 Hispanic or Latina/o students from kindergarten through grade twelve, which is 47.9% of the student population in Yolo County; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools proclaims the month beginning September 15 and ending on October 15, 2023, as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on August 8, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Tico Zendejas, President
Yolo County Board of Education

Garth Lewis
County Superintendent of Schools