RESOLUTION NO. 06/21-22
LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month started as Hispanic Heritage Week under former President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 and was expanded by former President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a thirty day period starting on September 15th and ending on October 15th; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, now known as Latinx Heritage Month, celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens and residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, The diverse heritage of the Latinx community has had a significant role in the economy, culture, and identity of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ohlone Community College District’s Puente Project offers career mentoring and English courses that integrate Latinx literature into the curriculum and serves to increase the number of educationally underrepresented students who enroll in four-year universities, earn college degrees, and return to their communities as mentors and leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ohlone’s M.E.Ch.A. club serves as a support system to Latinx students on campus, organizes cultural events, and does extensive outreach to Latinx students at the local high schools; and

WHEREAS, Ohlone’s Latinx Recruitment and Retention Committee consists of faculty and staff who work together to establish a community and network of support for Latinx students by organizing events and workshops that foster Latinx student success, collaborating to make resources accessible to Latinx students and Dreamers, and engaging in outreach; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Ohlone Community College District recognizes the many contributions and accomplishments of Latinx, as well as their deep commitment to family and community, enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Ohlone Community College District encourages the recognition of the rich cultural heritage and ethnic diversity within the greater Tri-Cities area as part of the District’s commitment to cultural awareness programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohlone College Board of Trustees hereby declares September 15th – October 15th, 2021 as Latinx Heritage Month in appreciation of the achievements and contributions made by member of the Latinx community to the educational programs of the Ohlone Community College District. The Board of Trustees encourages all of the faculty, staff, and students to promote and join in the appropriate celebrations and observances throughout the Ohlone Community College District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of September, 2021.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Ohlone Community College District
County of Alameda, State of California