

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-6c

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE September 9, 2008

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2008 as National Hispanic Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2008 as National Hispanic Month in Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-633

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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August 25, 2008

**Thomas W. Mayfield
Chairman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
Modesto, CA 95354**

Dear Chairman Mayfield:


Federal legislation provides for commemoration of National Hispanic Heritage Month during September 15 – October 15 in recognition of the many contributions made by Latinos in the United States.

Please adopt a resolution to commemorate this important event.

The attached resolutions signed by the President, and County Schools' officials last year, can be used by the County to model its own resolution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


**Dale Butler
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Attachments

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Friday, September 14, 2007

National Hispanic Heritage Month, 2007

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A Proclamation By the President of the United States of America

Hispanic Americans have strengthened our country and contributed to the spirit of America. National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to honor these contributions and celebrate the rich cultural traditions of our Hispanic-American community.

Hispanic Americans have helped establish America as a place of freedom and opportunity, and their contributions have illustrated what is best about our great Nation. Their hard work, love of country, and deep commitment to faith and family have shaped the character of our country and helped preserve the values we all cherish. By sharing their vibrant culture and heritage, Hispanic Americans have also enriched the American experience and helped define the unique fabric of our Nation.

Americans of Hispanic heritage have carried on a proud tradition of service to our Nation. In times of great consequence, they have answered the call to defend America as members of our Armed Forces. These brave men and women bring honor to America, and we are grateful for their service and sacrifice. In our towns and communities, Hispanic Americans have also shown the good heart of our Nation by volunteering to help their fellow Americans. Their kindness and compassion have made a difference in the lives of others and have made our country a more hopeful place for all.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the diversity that makes America stronger, and we recognize the many ways Hispanic Americans have enriched our Nation. To honor the achievements of Hispanic Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 100 402, as amended, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating September 15 through October 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2007, as National Hispanic Heritage Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

GEORGE W. BUSH

STANISLAUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Tom Changnon
Superintendent of Schools
and Executive Secretary to the Board

RESOLUTION #2007-29 IN SUPPORT OF ENCOURAGING ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN STANISLAUS COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson first proclaimed and designated the week that included September 15 and 16 in 1968, as National Hispanic Heritage Week, as a result of a Joint Resolution approved by Congress on September 17, 1968, in recognition of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American culture and history; and

WHEREAS, The original weeklong commemoration was changed by Public Law No. 100-402, which took effect on January 1, 1989, to National Hispanic Heritage Month that is to include the 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, The objectives of National Hispanic Heritage Month are to create a greater awareness of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American culture, to illustrate the diversity of the Hispanic American community, and to encourage a greater curiosity within young people about the rich history and cultural heritage of Hispanic Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans from the time of the Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism subsequent to September 11, 2001, have proudly served this country in the Armed Forces, and, during their course of service, 38 Hispanic Americans, including nine from California have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest honor conferred for military bravery and heroism above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed to the development and success of Stanislaus County, the great State of California, and this great Nation by playing major roles in building our American culture to name a few in areas of agriculture, medicine, math, science, entertainment, business, education, civil rights, politics, sports, and

WHEREAS, During the 2004-05 school year, 106,043 students were enrolled in 165 of our County Public Schools, which included 45.6% students who were of Hispanic origin, and

WHEREAS, And in that same year 5,171 was the total number of Certificated Staff, which included 10.2% of Hispanic origin, and

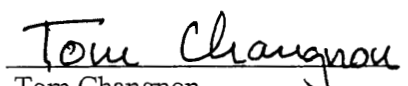
WHEREAS, Recognizing the cultural diversity and a changing population, the Stanislaus County Office of Education, through effective leadership, coordinated services, staff development, and partnerships among school, family, and community, will enable public education to meet the needs of our students and maximize potential for lifelong learning; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Education does hereby encourage and support all 25 Stanislaus County public school districts to adopt similar resolutions and call upon education and government public officials, administrators, certificated and classified personnel, parents and students to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

September 11, 2007



Luis Molina
Board Chairperson



Tom Changnon
County Superintendent of Schools