WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education takes great pride in celebrating Hispanic and Latino American culture, heritage, and contributions, and joins residents throughout Monterey County and the country in recognizing September 15, 2019 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month, “Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving Our Nation,” celebrates Hispanic and Latino American culture and reflects on the service and contributions Hispanic American have made to the history of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, with roots dating back to 1968, National Hispanic Heritage Month begins each year on the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County’s Hispanic student population continues to grow with over 61,800 Hispanic pupils enrolled in K-12 public schools, representing 79.4% of the student population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have made tremendous contributions to the United States, and continue to make advances in our community, state, and the world through politics, human rights, education, medicine, art, culture, public service, and numerous other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education recognizes the positive influences Hispanics have on our country and in our community through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service, and commends local organizations that support their progress and enrich the culture and customs of the Hispanic communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Education adopts Resolution Number 19-20-08 to recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages schools and school districts throughout Monterey County to celebrate with activities that honor the centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of the Hispanic communities.

Passed and Adopted on the
Eleventh Day of September 2019

Judy Pennycook, Member
Mary Claypool, Member
Dr. Deneen Guss, Monterey County
Superintendent of School