



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
October 7, 2020

Resolution for Hispanic Heritage Month

Whereas, the State of New Jersey and, by extension, the New Jersey Department of Education celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020; and

Whereas, this year's virtual New Jersey Department of Education observance, Celebrating Latinx Pride: Celebrando Nuestra Herencia Hispana, recognizes the lasting impact that Latinx New Jerseyans have had on our State, including participating in public service, innovating our economy, revolutionizing STEM pathways, excelling in education, enriching the arts and humanities, and calling for social change; and

Whereas, in January 2020, Governor Murphy signed the Latino and Hispanic Heritage Commission within the New Jersey Department of Education into law, ensuring that the cultural contributions and history of Latinx people are properly explored within school curriculum and activities; and

Whereas, approximately 4,000 students have received the Spanish language Seal of Biliteracy through the New Jersey Department of Education since 2016, the highest number of Seals in any one language; and

Whereas, specifically during this COVID-19 pandemic, the New Jersey Department of Education provided links to resources for our English Language Learning (ELL) parents, students, and educators through our agency's COVID-19 webpage; and

Whereas, the webpage includes a portal for Spanish-speaking and bilingual parents that provides guidance on ELL instruction, the importance of being bilingual, and community resources for bilingual parents; and

Whereas, this year's New Jersey State Teacher of the Year, Angel Santiago, is of Hispanic descent; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education hereby recognize September 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020 as Hispanic Heritage Month and welcome virtual celebrations by school districts throughout the state.

Kevin Dehmer, Interim Commissioner
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