RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Resolution No. 1112-0063

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2011, AS LATINO HERITAGE MONTH IN THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, beginning on September 15, 2011, through October 15, 2011, the United States celebrates Latino Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States at almost 50,500, 000 people, making Latino Americans the largest ethnic minority within the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 5 United States public school students is Latino, and the total number of Hispanic students enrolled in public schools in the United States is expected to reach 28,000,000 by 2050; and

WHEREAS, more than 50% of California's elementary and secondary students are Latino; and

WHEREAS, more than 39%% of Oakland Unified School District's elementary and secondary students are Latino; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing power of Latino Americans is nearly \$1,000,000,000,000,000, and there are more than 2,300,000 Latino-owned firms in the United States, supporting millions of employees nationwide and greatly contributing to the economic sector, especially retail trade, wholesale trade, food services, and construction; and

WHEREAS, Latino Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces and have bravely fought in every war in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Latino Americans harbor a deep commitment to family and community, enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to society,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares September 15th through October 15th as Latino Heritage Month in the Oakland Unified School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Board hereby encourages all students, faculty, administrators, and parents, to remember and celebrate the contributions that Latinos have made to California and the United States.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES:

David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, Alice Spearman,

Christopher Dobbins, Vice President Jody London, President Gary Yee

NAYS:

None

ABSTAINED:

None

ABSENT:

None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct coy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on September 27, 2011.

> Edgar Rakestraw, Jr. Secretary, Governing Board

Oakland Unified School District

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