

RESOLUTION NO. 906
PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latine Americans have enriched the social, cultural, and civic fabric of Pasadena, California, and the United States through their countless contributions; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latine Americans have distinguished themselves through achievements in the cultural, economic, political, scientific, industrial, and social fields, strengthening the foundation of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Pasadena City College has long benefited from the excellence and leadership of Hispanic and Latine students, faculty, staff, and alumni, whose presence continues to shape our campus and its legacy; and

WHEREAS, close to 50 percent of PCC's student population identifies as Latine, and in the past decade 33 percent of staff and faculty hires have reflected this heritage, shaping the vibrant community we celebrate today; and

WHEREAS, PCC's distinguished alumni include the renowned educator and role model Jaime Escalante, celebrated nationwide as one of America's most impactful teachers; and

WHEREAS, today, PCC's Latine students are supported across the campus, with signature programs and initiatives including the Puente Project, Latine Graduation, and the Student Advisory Equipo, which foster innovation, collaboration, and leadership in support of student success; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Latino Employees (ALE) and HSI Alianza continue to advance equity and advocacy for Latine students, staff, and faculty through their leadership and commitment; and

WHEREAS, through our work with Excelencia, PCC is committed to ongoing inquiry that brings together data and student voices, grounding the data in lived experience to better understand the experiences, strengths, aspirations, and outcomes of our Latine students, and using what we learn to continually strengthen how we serve and support their success; and

WHEREAS, PCC has a proud history as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and continues to embrace our HSI identity and our commitment to *servingness*, a concept that extends beyond traditional definitions tied primarily to enrollment and that calls on us to intentionally build the institutional infrastructure, practices, and conditions that support equitable and improved outcomes for all Latine students; and

WHEREAS, PCC, the future of our college, our region, and our nation will be shaped and strengthened by the vision and leadership of the next generation of Hispanic and Latine students;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Pasadena Area Community College District proudly celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring the achievements, leadership, and rich cultural heritage of our Hispanic and Latine students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and encourages the entire PCC community to engage in celebrations, programs, and learning opportunities that uplift this rich heritage.

Passed and adopted this September 9, 2026.

Aye:

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

Student Trustee:

Steve Gibson
President, Board of Trustees
Pasadena Area Community College District

José A. Gómez, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Pasadena Area Community College District, and
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