



ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

CHICANO/CHICANA HERITAGE MONTH

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/26-E-02

August 7, 2025

On the motion of Trustee Guerrero and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, although "Chicano" and "Chicana" are sometimes used interchangeably with "Mexican American," they have different meanings for different people; and

WHEREAS, the terms "Chicano" and "Chicana" were reclaimed by ethnic Mexicans in the 1960s and 1970s to express political empowerment, ethnic solidarity, and pride in being of Indigenous descent; and

WHEREAS, the Chicano Movement, or El Movimiento, was a social and political movement in the United States inspired by prior acts of resistance among people of Mexican descent, that worked to embrace a Chicano/Chicana identity and worldview that advocated against structural racism, encouraged cultural revitalization, and achieved community empowerment, as demonstrated by the advocacy work of individuals like Sylvia Mendez, Emigdio Vasquez, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, the landmark 1946 ruling in *Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County* declared school segregation of Mexican Americans illegal; and

WHEREAS, Emigdio Vasquez, from Orange, California, was known as the "Godfather of Hispanic artists," and painted over 30 public murals in central Orange County, with notable contributions in Anaheim; and

WHEREAS, Chicanos/Chicanas have been a long-standing part of the culture of the United States, with an undeniable influence in education, public safety, infrastructure, economic development, culinary arts, and governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Anaheim Union High School District recognize August as Chicano/Chicana Heritage Month and encourage residents to join in acknowledging and celebrating the cultural diversity in our community.

Resolution No. 2025/26-E-02

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anaheim Union High School District celebrates August as Chicano Heritage Month and encourages residents to join in acknowledging and celebrating the cultural diversity in our community.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, on August 7, 2025, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees Smith, Hoshi, Randle-Trejo, Guerrero, and O'Neal

NOES:


ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Michael B. Matsuda, superintendent of the Anaheim Union High School District of Orange County, California, and secretary to the Board of Trustees thereof, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board of Trustees at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of August 2025, and passed, by a roll call vote of all members present of said Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of August 2025.



Michael B. Matsuda
Superintendent and Secretary,
Board of Trustees