

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2017-04:**

**HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the United States commemorates the heritage and culture of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, beginning on September 15, 2016, and ending October 15, 2016, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month as enacted in Public Law 100-402 on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed significantly to the economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans value knowledge and learning; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic American students currently comprise over eight percent of the student body in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District; and

WHEREAS, over thirty Hispanic American teachers distinguish themselves as educators in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic American principals lead their schools with vision; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve on the school board with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic American exempt, paraprofessional, and classified staff support all students' learning; and

WHEREAS, all citizens will benefit from an accurate portrayal of Hispanic heritage and culture; and

WHEREAS, research findings suggest that presenting Hispanic American culture, history, and perspective in the classroom promotes academic success for Hispanic American students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims September 15, 2016, through October 15, 2016, Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages schools and teachers throughout the district to honor it with performances, readings, guest speakers, displays, lessons, lectures, and cultural celebrations.

PASSED AND APPROVED: September 6, 2016



Heidi Haas, President  
Board of Education

ATTEST:



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