

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SAMTRANS BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, from September 15, 2021, through October 15, 2021, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Spanish explorers first reached the land that would become San Mateo County in 1769 and gave in the name that it is still known by; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have called San Mateo County home for centuries and were instrumental in shaping the history and culture of the region; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have had a profound influence through a strong commitment to family, faith, and community, an enduring work ethic and their many contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, many Hispanic Americans are regular SamTrans riders, with a survey from 2018 indicating that 32 percent of SamTrans riders are of Hispanic origin and that 26 percent of SamTrans riders speak Spanish in the home; and

WHEREAS, SamTrans prides itself as a system that is open and welcoming to everyone; and

WHEREAS, access to transportation is a fundamental civil right, that allows individuals to move freely and communities to grow and thrive, which therefore must be provided to everyone in a just and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County will continue to grow as a vibrant, multicultural community, and that the history and culture of all peoples that live in it should be honored and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, as a major transportation provider serving San Mateo County, it is fitting that SamTrans recognize the diverse population that it serves every day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SamTrans Board of Directors does hereby recognize Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate ~~the~~ Hispanic heritage and culture ~~of Latinas~~ in the United States and the immense contributions of ~~Latinas to~~ our members of the Latinx community.

Regularly passed and adopted this 6th day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chair, SamTrans Board of Directors

ATTEST:

District Secretary