

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

**PROCLAMATION**

DESIGNATING

SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2013

AS

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS** persons of Hispanic descent constitute 16 percent of the nation's population and the 50.5 million Hispanic Americans represent the nation's largest ethnic minority; and

**WHEREAS** Hispanic Americans have played an integral role in our nation's history and our country has benefited from their many contributions to the military, business, artistic, political, academic and scientific communities; and

**WHEREAS** Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service; and

**WHEREAS** Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

**WHEREAS** the Howard County Public School System enjoys a beneficial relationship with CONEXIONES, a community organization committed to the academic advancement of our Hispanic students; and

**WHEREAS** National Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to express deep appreciation to the county's growing population of Hispanic Americans for their contributions to the Howard County Public School System; and

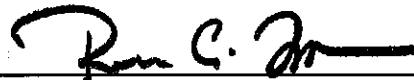
**WHEREAS** the theme for the National Hispanic Heritage Month for 2013 is "Hispanics: Serving and Leading our Nation with Pride and Honor"

**THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Education declares September 15 through October 15, 2013 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the Howard County Public School System; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that it is the intention of the Board that meaningful activities take place in all schools to acknowledge the achievements of Hispanic Americans and to pay tribute to the diversity of the Howard County community.



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Renée A. Foose, Ed.D., Superintendent  
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