

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA)

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15

WHEREAS, what began as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson in 1968 was expanded to a 30-day period by President Reagan in 1988 to observe Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of those whose ancestors were Indigenous to North America as well as Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to celebrate and recognize the contributions of people of Hispanic Heritage to American culture in roles such as civil rights leaders, community organizers, first responders, healthcare professionals, teachers, artists, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and more; and

WHEREAS, the District proudly celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month by honoring Cosumnes Community Services District Board Director, Orlando Fuentes; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Director Fuentes' mother, father, and infant brother migrated from El Salvador to the United States of America in search of a brighter future. Many years later, Director Fuentes was born in San Francisco, California, where he grew up learning both Spanish and English and appreciating the importance of education. Unlike his older siblings, who had to learn English through immersion, Director Fuentes benefited from their experiences, allowing him to master the language and shaping his future; and

WHEREAS, Director Fuentes pursued his education at San Francisco State University and UC Berkeley, where he developed a strong interest in politics and public policy. With 26 years of experience in State Government, including roles in Health and Human Services and the Attorney General's Office of Crime Prevention, he has a wealth of expertise. In 2016, he became a member of the Board of Directors for Division 4 of the Cosumnes Community Services District; and

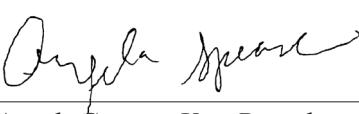
NOW, THEREFORE, the Cosumnes Community Services District's Board of Directors does hereby recognizes Orlando Fuentes and commemorates September 15 - October 15, 2024 as;

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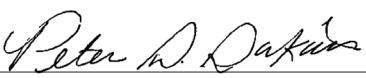
DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 4th day of September 2024, in Elk Grove, California.



Jim Luttrell, President



Angela Spease, Vice President



Peter D. Sakaris, Director



Orlando Fuentes, Director



Gil Albani, Director

ATTEST:



Phil Lewis, General Manager/CEO