

City of San Antonio



WHEREAS, ON NOVEMBER 2, 2023, THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THE INTERCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (IDRA). FOR 50 YEARS, IDRA HAS BEEN A LEADING ADVOCATE FOR EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN SAN ANTONIO SCHOOLS AND THE TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND

WHEREAS, IDRA WAS FOUNDED IN 1973 IN SAN ANTONIO'S WESTSIDE BY A SMALL GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS DETERMINED TO CHALLENGE INEQUITIES IN TEXAS' PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT LEFT GENERATIONS OF LATINO AND BLACK STUDENTS IN POORLY RESOURCED CLASSROOMS; AND

WHEREAS, IDRA HAS BEEN A LEADER IN LANDMARK FEDERAL AND STATE CIVIL RIGHTS COURT CASES STEMMING FROM COMMUNITY-DRIVEN ADVOCACY IN SAN ANTONIO SCHOOLS, INCLUDING RODRÍGUEZ V. SAN ANTONIO ISD AND THE SERIES OF EDGEWOOD CASES THAT FOLLOWED; AND

WHEREAS, IDRA HAS PROVIDED TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMMING AND TRAINING TO HELP SAN ANTONIO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN STUDENTS' ACCESS TO ADVANCED COURSEWORK, EXPAND ACCESS TO STEM COURSES AND RESOURCES, PROMOTE POSITIVE AND WELCOMING SCHOOL CLIMATES, AND ADOPT EVIDENCE-BASED DROPOUT PREVENTION STRATEGIES;

WHEREAS, IDRA HAS ALWAYS WORKED TO UPLIFT AND AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF SAN ANTONIO'S STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND EMPHASIZE THE ASSETS THEY BRING TO THEIR SCHOOLS; AND

WHEREAS, IDRA HAS CONDUCTED CRITICAL RESEARCH AND LED IMPACTFUL POLICY CAMPAIGNS TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE PROVIDED WITH A STRONG ACADEMIC FOUNDATION THAT PREPARES THEM FOR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE; AND

WHEREAS, IDRA'S LEADERS AND STAFF HAVE DEMONSTRATED A TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE ORGANIZATION'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE VALUABLE; NONE IS EXPENDABLE, AND ALL DESERVE THE BENEFITS OF A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON NIRENBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2, 2023, TO BE

"IDRA DAY"

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE AFFIXED THIS 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.




RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR