

MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 142

Offered by Senators Cavanagh, Geiss, Moss and Santana

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 15-
OCTOBER 15, 2024, AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, There has been a long and important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, This month represents the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, The United States recognizes the economic, cultural, and social contributions that Spanish-speaking people have brought to our nation, including the gifts of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our nation's history, time and again, Hispanic-Americans have faithfully defended the principles of freedom and a representative government; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent. Those who have lived in this state for generations as well as new residents contribute to our economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, family, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, During this month, Michigan's Hispanic-American community celebrates through a series of special programs featuring Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of time in the United States when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans and celebrate their varied heritage, background, and culture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body designate September 15-October 15, 2024, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Adopted by the Senate, October 8, 2024.



Secretary of the Senate