

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

Senators Cavanagh, Irwin, Moss, McCann, Bayer and Camilleri offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to designate September 15-October 15, 2023, as
2 Hispanic Heritage Month.

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

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

9 Whereas, Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic
10 Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and
11 contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain,

1 Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
28 body designate September 15-October 15, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage
29 Month.