

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

Reps. Paiz, McKinney, Greene, MacDonell, Rheingans, Byrnes, Mentzer, Tsernoglou, Myers-Phillips, Morgan, Price, Pohutsky, Dievendorf, Miller, Xiong, Wegela, Rogers, Puri, Farhat, McFall, Hope, Slagh, Breen, Fitzgerald, Fox, Kelly and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 15-October 15, 2025, as  
2       Hispanic Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, Each year from September 15 to October 15, Hispanic  
4       and Latino Americans in North America and the United States of  
5       America celebrate the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa  
6       Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

7       Whereas, This observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage  
8       Week, which was approved by President Lyndon Johnson, and, in 1988,  
9       Hispanic Heritage Week was later expanded by President Ronald  
10      Reagan to encompass a 30-day period from the dates September 15

1 through October 15 , and Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into  
2 law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402; and

3       Whereas, Each year from September 15 to October 15, Americans  
4 observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the  
5 histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose  
6 ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and  
7 South America; and

8       Whereas, The citizens of the United States annually recognize  
9 National Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate the histories,  
10 cultures, and contributions of our citizens whose ancestors are  
11 from throughout Latin America and Spain; and

12       Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of time in the  
13 United States when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic  
14 and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their  
15 varied heritage, background, and culture; and

16       Whereas, During this month, Michigan's Hispanic-American  
17 community celebrates through a series of special events featuring  
18 Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

19       Whereas, Hispanic Americans have consistently helped make our  
20 country strong and prosperous and embody the best of our American  
21 values, including commitment to faith, family, and country; and

22       Whereas, Hispanic Americans have made many important advances  
23 in areas of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education,  
24 technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

25       Whereas, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a  
26 large number of residents of Spanish and Latin American descent,  
27 who grow businesses, offer innovative ideas, strengthen our  
28 economy, create jobs, and positively contribute to our daily lives;  
29 now, therefore, be it

1        Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this  
2 legislative body declare September 15-October 15, 2025, as Hispanic  
3 Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.