

Resolution No. RS2021-____

A resolution recognizing September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month in Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, September 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021 has been declared as Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the role that Hispanics have played and continue to play in the economic, cultural and social development of our Nation. The observation began in 1968 as “Hispanic Heritage Week” under President Lyndon Johnson and was later expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover the 30-day period starting September 15 and ending October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 upon adoption of Public Law 100-402; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic people make up a significant portion of the labor force, working as elected officials, CEOs, small business owners, entrepreneurs and homemakers who provide leadership, guidance and support of the values which strengthen our economy; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics of many nationalities in the city of Nashville are unique leaders and exceptional role models in all professions and have distinguished themselves as smart and wise business owners, creating jobs, paying wages and demonstrating that they are a positive force in our local communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces and have fought bravely in every war in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic business owners, despite the many risks and personal sacrifices they encounter, continue to be inspirations to their families, employees, and to the community; and their successes provide inspiring stories to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned businesses represent the fastest growing segment of small businesses in the United States, growing at more than 15 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, when Hispanics succeed, our nation, state, region and city all succeed; and therefore the potential of all Hispanics should be limited only by the breadth of their dreams.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing September 15th to October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month in the city of Nashville to honor the many accomplishments and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community, and to encourage all residents to celebrate and support the people and businesses that make Nashville a unique and wonderful City.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Sponsored by:

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