MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 70

Offered by Senators Camilleri, Cavanagh, Anthony, Chang, Geiss, McMorrow, Moss and Santana

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2025, AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans have held a longstanding and significant contribution to the fabric of the United States; and

WHEREAS, September 15 to October 15 represents the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

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

WHEREAS, The United States has greatly benefitted from the cultural, economic, and societal contributions that Spanish-speaking people have brought to our nation, including the areas of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have consistently upheld the principles of freedom and representative government throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week was first recognized by President Lyndon Johnson and was further developed 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 proud 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 to the United States 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, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Adopted by the Senate, September 17, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate