

53-R-11

A Resolution to Recognize Latinx Heritage Month

Lulu Montes (for herself, Gabe Myers, Greg Carson, Kelsey Lowman, Mustafa Abubakr, Roya Shahinfar, and Sai Nune) introduced the following resolution to the Diversity and Inclusion Legislative Committee, where it passed. Then, to the Steering Committee, where it passed, and to the floor, where it passed.

Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas according to the Fifteenth Day Enrollment Report for the Autumn 2020 semester, 7.3% of students at The Ohio State University identify as Hispanic or Latinx,¹ and

Whereas Latinx Heritage Month, also known as Hispanic Heritage Month, “celebrates the culture, contributions, and resilience” of the Latinx community,² and

Whereas in 1968, Congress passed Pub. L. 90-498 authorizing and requesting the President to annually issue a proclamation declaring the week including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week,³ and

Whereas on September 17, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the first National Hispanic Heritage Week in Proclamation 3869,⁴ and

Whereas in 1988, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-402, amending Pub. L. 90-498, authorizing and requesting the President to annually issue a proclamation declaring the month beginning on September 15 and ending on October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month,⁵ and

Whereas on September 14, 1989, President George H.W. Bush proclaimed the first National Hispanic Heritage Month in Proclamation 6021,⁶ and

¹ http://oesar.osu.edu/pdf/student_enrollment/15th/enrollment/15THDAY_AUTUMN_2020.pdf

² <https://www.hrc.org/news/latinx-heritage-month-more-than-one-word-more-than-one-heritage>

³ <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/pdf/Pub.%20L.%2090-498.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-3869-national-hispanic-heritage-week-1968>

⁵ <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/pdf/Pub.%20L.%20100-402.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-6021-national-hispanic-heritage-month-1989>

Whereas the dates of this month are significant as Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua celebrate their independence days during this period,⁷ and

Whereas the Student Life Multicultural Center recognizes Latinx Heritage Month,⁸ and

Whereas the 52nd General Assembly passed 52-R-21 on February 5, 2020 where it was resolved that “the Undergraduate Student Government integrate the recognition of African-Americans and other minority groups’ celebratory months into their systems and practices”.⁹

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved that the Undergraduate Student Government recognize Latinx Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 every year.

Floor Vote: Aye: 23 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0



Roaya Higazi
President

Nathan Rush
Speaker of the 53rd General Assembly

Date Adopted: September 23, 2020

⁷ <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/>

⁸ <https://mcc.osu.edu/events-and-programs/heritage-and-awareness-months/latinx-heritage-month>

⁹ <https://osu.app.box.com/file/642064718472>