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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 331 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, PENNYCUICK, HAYWOOD, MILLER, FONTANA,  
KANE, BOSCOLA, SCHWANK, VOGEL, BROWN, CAPPELLETTI, COMMITTA,  
ARGALL, MASTRIANO AND DILLON, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Observing September 15 through October 15, 2024, as "Hispanic  
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Hispanic Heritage Month" is celebrated in  
4 the United States to honor the history, culture and influence of  
5 past generations who came from Mexico, the Caribbean and Central  
6 and South America and Spain; and

7 WHEREAS, Hispanics were the earliest European settlers to  
8 arrive in our great nation and many Hispanic people today are  
9 descendants of the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean and  
10 Central and South America; and

11 WHEREAS, Hispanics have contributed significantly to the  
12 extraordinary diversity and progress of our Commonwealth and our  
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Latinos are the largest and fastest-growing ethnic  
15 minority in our Commonwealth and our nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ethnically diverse population  
17 features nearly 1 million Hispanic residents, including

1 individuals of Puerto Rican, Mexican and Dominican descent; and  
2 WHEREAS, With roots in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and  
3 South America and Spain, Hispanic Americans culturally enrich  
4 our communities, spur business and industry and commit to  
5 careers in law enforcement, military service and public service;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout our history, Hispanic Americans have  
8 shown their devotion to our nation through military service and  
9 have fought in every war since our nation's founding; and

10 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve on the Supreme Court,  
11 Federal and State courts and are members of the Congress of the  
12 United States and the General Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, The Hispanic and Latino populations are beautiful  
14 and vital parts of communities across Pennsylvania such as  
15 Philadelphia, Reading, Hazleton, Allentown, Lebanon and  
16 Lancaster; and

17 WHEREAS, "National Hispanic Heritage Month" has become a  
18 vital opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural traditions and  
19 significant achievements of our Hispanic and Latino American  
20 communities across this Commonwealth; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe September 15 through  
22 October 15, 2024, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania;  
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the achievements of  
25 Hispanic Americans in our Commonwealth.