

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.156

Reps. Cavanagh, Aiyash, Allor, Anthony, Bellino, Beson, Bezotte, Bolden, Brabec, Brann, Breen, Brixie, Cambensy, Camilleri, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Cherry, Clemente, Coleman, Damoose, Eisen, Ellison, Garza, Haadsma, Hammoud, Hertel, Hope, Howell, Cynthia Johnson, Koleszar, Kuppa, LaGrand, Lasinski, Liberati, Lightner, Lilly, Manoogian, Martin, Meerman, Morse, Mueller, O'Neal, Pohutsky, Puri, Rabhi, Rogers, Sabo, Scott, Shannon, Sneller, Sowerby, Steckloff, Steenland, Stone, Tate, Thanedar, Wakeman, Weiss, Whiteford, Witwer, Yancey and Young offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to declare September 15-October 15, 2021, as
- 2 Hispanic Heritage Month in the state of Michigan.
- 3 Whereas, There has been a long and important presence of
- 4 Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America and the United
- 5 States of America; and

1 Whereas, The month of September 15 to October 15 represents
2 the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador,
3 Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

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

9 Whereas, Each year, the United States recognizes the economic,
10 cultural, and social contributions that Spanish-speaking peoples
11 have brought to our nation, including the gifts of law, religion,
12 agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture,
13 cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

14 Whereas, Time and again throughout our nation's history,
15 Hispanic-Americans have faithfully defended the principles of
16 freedom and a representative government; and

17 Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President
18 Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988
19 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15, and
20 enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402; and

21 Whereas, This state is fortunate to count among its population
22 a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American
23 descent, including those who have lived in this state for
24 generations and those who are new to this state, who contribute to
25 our economy and society through their commitment to professions,
26 commerce, family, and the arts; and

27 Whereas, During the month from September 15 to October 15,
28 this state's Hispanic-American community celebrates Hispanic
29 Heritage Month through a series of special programs featuring

1 Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

2 Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of
3 time in the United States when people recognize the contributions
4 of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate
5 these people's varied heritage, background, and culture; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
8 this legislative body declare September 15-October 15, 2021, as
9 Hispanic Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We recognize and
10 celebrate the contributions, service, and cultures of American
11 citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean,
12 and Central and South America.