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Resolution designating National Hispanic Heritage Month as an annual official City event, authorizing the acceptance of contributions and adding the event to the Give MKE online crowdfunding platform. This resolution designates National Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place from September 15 and October 15, as an annual official City event in the city of Milwaukee. The resolution also authorizes the City Clerk's Office to accept donations to support National Hispanic Heritage Month. Finally, the resolution adds Hispanic Heritage Month to the Give MKE online crowdfunding platform. Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson as Hispanic Heritage Week and was later expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15; and

Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community; and

Whereas, Spanish explorers were the first Europeans to land in parts of what is now the United States, and were the first Europeans to reach the Appalachian Mountains, the Mississippi River, the Grand Canyon and the Great Plains.; and

Whereas, The history of Hispanics in Milwaukee began in the 1920s with the "Colonia Mexicana", a community of Mexican workers located on Milwaukee's South Side recruited to work in the city's tanneries; and

Whereas, From these modest origins, Milwaukee's Hispanic population grew into an indispensable part of Milwaukee's cultural identity that encompasses peoples whose origins span the width and breadth of the Hispanic world; and

Whereas, According to the 2020 Census, Hispanics are now the largest minority group in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, It would be fitting to establish the month celebrating the contributions of the United States' Hispanic community as an annual official City event; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that National Hispanic Heritage Month shall be recognized and designated as an official City event held annually; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office is authorized to accept contributions to support National Hispanic Heritage Month; and, be it

Further Resolved, That National Hispanic Heritage Month shall be added to the Give MKE crowdfunding platform as an official City event.

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