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To recognize and celebrate September 15, 2021, to October 15, 2021, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Columbus

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of Hispanic-American culture, heritage, and contributions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month was first recognized by President Lyndon Johnson as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 and later expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Hispanic Heritage Month in 2021 is "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope," which recognizes the important role Hispanic culture has played throughout the history of the United States as well as being an important part of the future success of the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has hosted an annual "Festival Latino" since 1996 to celebrate Hispanic music, food, fashion, art, dance, and culture during the largest free Hispanic festival in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus benefits from the diversity of its residents, and Hispanic-Americans continue to contribute to the cultural and economic vibrancy of its communities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate September 15, 2021, to October 15, 2021, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Columbus.