



KENOSHA COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A Resolution Recognizing September 15 – October 15, 2023 as "Hispanic Heritage Month"			
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Submitted by: Supervisor Rodriguez, Vice Chair Decker, and Supervisors Belsky, Poole and Nedweski			
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Prepared by: Supervisor Rodriguez		Signature:	

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week was established in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, this observance recognizes, honors, and celebrates the histories, vibrant and diverse cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean islands; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year beginning on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua and

WHEREAS, Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during Hispanic Heritage Month - on September 16, 18 and 21, respectively.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 18.7% of the American population and 14.5% of the Kenosha County Population, according to the 2020 Census, are of Hispanic or Latino origin; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic & Latino Americans have been influential in our history, ranging everywhere between faith, arts, politics, business, education; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos have served with honor and distinction in every conflict since the Revolutionary War, and they have made invaluable contributions through their service to our country; and

WHEREAS, these Hispanic and Latino residents in our county play a unique and vital role in our economy and workforce as well as our faith communities and have enriched the lives of everyone who calls Kenosha County their home; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha County's growing Hispanic population is strong and vibrant and a key part of the fabric of our county; they have had a profound and positive influence on our communities through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages appreciate and enjoy the traditions, food, music, dance, art, experiences, values and perspectives that our Hispanic and Latino citizens provide to our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does recognize September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023, as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Kenosha County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages members of public to join in this recognition as an important reminder of how much strength we draw as a County from our immigrant roots.

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