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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LATINO HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15

- WHEREAS,** Latino Heritage Month was first established in the United States in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and, in 1988, expanded to a month-long celebration from September 15 to October 15; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This observance honors the history, culture, and contributions of Latino communities, a recognition that gained strength during the civil rights movement of the 1960s; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The celebration begins on September 15 to mark the independence anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua from Spain in 1821. Mexico declared independence on September 16, 1810; Chile on September 18, 1810; and Belize from Great Britain on September 21, 1981; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Latinos have shaped our nation and our city as innovators, educators, scientists, artists, workers, entrepreneurs, and public servants, enriching our shared culture with their creativity, resilience, and leadership; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is home to more than 135,000 Latinos, representing 20 percent of the city's population and constituting the largest Latino community in the Commonwealth; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Latinos are a growing share of Boston's workforce, strengthening the city's economy as workers, business owners, and entrepreneurs; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Latino Heritage Month reminds us that American identity is woven from diverse traditions and stories, reaffirms that diversity is one of Boston's greatest strengths, and honors Latino leaders who have long fought for equal justice, ensuring that all residents can share their talents and thrive;
THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED,** That the City of Boston recognizes Latino Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

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