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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15TH-OCTOBER 15TH AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** Since 1988, the 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15 has been observed as National Hispanic Heritage Month; *and*
- WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of United States Latinx and Hispanic communities, whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The first day of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15, is a significant date because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The independence days of Mexico, Belize, and Chile also fall within this 30-day period; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Hispanic and Latinx communities have contributed to and played an important role in United States history and culture including participation in the civil rights movement and other socio-political movements, arts, fashion, science, literature, technology, and more; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In 2015, the Latinx community accounted for 20% of the City of Boston's population, with Puerto Ricans, Dominicans, Salvadorans, Colombians, and Mexicans as the largest groups; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston's economic, cultural, and civic health is tied to its growing Latinx communities, which represent diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby honors its Hispanic and Latinx residents and communities by recognizing September 15 to October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and affirms that the contribution of these communities are a significant part of the history, progress, and heritage of the United States.

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