

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 385

Approved October 10, 2024

WHEREAS, Every year, from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, the United States observes Hispanic Heritage Month to honor and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island, and particularly the City of Providence, has long celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month since its formal recognition by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1988, showcasing the integral role Latino communities play in shaping the cultural and social fabric of the state; and

WHEREAS, Latino history is a vital and growing part of both Rhode Island and U.S. history, equally as significant and essential as any other part of our shared past; and

WHEREAS, Providence's Latino community continues to enrich the city through its vibrant traditions, including its culinary diversity, bold and colorful public art, and dynamic cultural expressions such as music, dance, and festivals, all of which breathe energy into every corner of the city, transforming Providence into a beacon of culture and creativity, where heritage is celebrated and the city's unique identity shines brilliantly; and

WHEREAS, Latinos have made substantial contributions across multiple sectors including education, the arts, business, government, science, and sports, and their impact has been vital to the development and success of the Providence community; and

WHEREAS, Providence is home to a large and growing Latino population, whose presence contributes not only to the city's cultural wealth but also to its economic and intellectual vitality, reinforcing the principles of diversity and unity that define the city's character; and

WHEREAS, Providence is proud to have 40% of the members of the City Council of Latino heritage, further representing the deep-rooted influence of the Hispanic community in the city's leadership and governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council formally recognizes September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> of each year as "Hispanic Heritage Month," in celebration of the invaluable contributions and cultural richness of Hispanic and Latino communities in Providence and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, underscoring the Council's commitment to recognizing the achievements and heritage of the city's Latino residents.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 10/10/24