

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1016

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution declaring May 3, 2023, as the 7th annual
9 Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; and recognizing
10 the heritage, culture, and contributions of Hispanics
11 to the State of Oklahoma.

12 WHEREAS, Hispanics are those who identify their origin as the
13 heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of their birth or
14 that of their parents or ancestors before their arrival into the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Spanish-speaking countries include Argentina, Bolivia,
17 Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El
18 Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay,
19 Perú, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the Commonwealth of Puerto
20 Rico; and

21 WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history
22 of Oklahoma since the 16th Century when the Spanish initially
23 claimed Oklahoma, specifically the Oklahoma Panhandle; and
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1 WHEREAS, the first exploration of Oklahoma was led by the
2 Spaniard Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and his army in 1541 on their
3 journey to conquer the Seven Cities of Cibola or Quivira, the area
4 known today as Cimarron County; and

5 WHEREAS, the majority of Oklahoma's Hispanic population live in
6 the cities of Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Guymon; and

7 WHEREAS, Hispanics have migrated to the State of Oklahoma hoping
8 for better lives than the ones they left behind; and

9 WHEREAS, the influence of Hispanics in Oklahoma is a result of
10 their perseverance through hard times as well as their innate
11 yearning to establish a sense of place.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives declares May 3, 2023,
15 as the 7th annual Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma.

16 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
17 heritage, culture, and immense contributions of Hispanics to the
18 State of Oklahoma.

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