## **Resolution**

ENROLLED HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1017

By: Stone

A Resolution proclaiming Wednesday, May 1, 2019, to be the third Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanics.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma celebrates the third annual Hispanic Cultural Day on May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos identify their origin as the heritage, nationality group, lineage or country of birth of their parents or ancestors before their arrival into the United States; and

WHEREAS, Spanish-speaking countries are Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history of Oklahoma since the sixteenth century when the Spanish initially claimed Oklahoma, particularly the Oklahoma Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, in 1541, Spanish explorer Francisco Vazquez de Coronado led his army on their trek to conquer the Seven Cities of Cibola or Quivira (actual Cimarron County); and

WHEREAS, the majority population of Hispanics in Oklahoma are in the cities of Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Guymon; and

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

WHEREAS, the southern portion of Oklahoma City and adjacent metro areas consist of full Spanish-language billboard advertisements; and

WHEREAS, the influence of Hispanics in Oklahoma is a spontaneous result of the combination of their perseverance through hard times and the innate yearning to establish a sense of place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims Wednesday, May 1, 2019, to be the third Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma.

THAT all Oklahomans celebrate the heritage and culture of Hispanics in Oklahoma and recognize the immense contributions of Hispanics to this state.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

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