

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1034

By: Martinez

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution declaring May 1, 2018, as the Second
10 Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; recognizing the
11 heritage and culture of Hispanics and the immense
12 contributions of Hispanics to the State of Oklahoma.

13 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma celebrates the Second Hispanic
14 Cultural Day on May 1, 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, Hispanics or Latinos are those people who identify
16 their origin as heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of
17 birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before
18 their arrival in the United States; and

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

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

4 WHEREAS, the first exploration led by the Spanish Francisco
5 Vásquez Coronado and his army in 1541 on their trek to conquer the
6 Seven Cities of Cibola or Quivira (actual Cimarron County); and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the southern portion of Oklahoma City and in adjacent
12 metro areas, consists of full Spanish-language billboard
13 advertisements; and

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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