

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 4

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution declaring May 1, 2019, as the 3rd Annual  
8 Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; and recognizing  
9 the heritage, culture and contributions of Hispanics  
10 to the State of Oklahoma.

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history  
21 of Oklahoma since the 16th Century when the Spanish initially  
22 claimed Oklahoma, specifically the Oklahoma Panhandle; and

23 WHEREAS, the first exploration of Oklahoma was led by the  
24 Spaniard Francisco Vásquez Coronado and his army in 1541 on their

1 journey to conquer the Seven Cities of Cibola or Quivira, what is  
2 known today as Cimarron County; and

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

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

7 WHEREAS, the strong Hispanic influence can be seen in the  
8 southern portion of Oklahoma City and the adjacent metro areas with  
9 full Spanish-language billboard advertisements; and

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

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
14 OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

15 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate declares May 1, 2019, as the 3rd  
16 Annual Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma.

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

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