
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 155 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, KEARNEY, CAPPELLETTI,
BOSCOLA, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, MILLER, COMMITTA, ARGALL, VOGEL,
COSTA, MARTIN AND SCHWANK, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Observing September 15 through October 15, 2023, as "Hispanic
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania; and recognizing the
3 achievements of Hispanic Americans in our Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, "National Hispanic Heritage Month" is celebrated in
5 the United States to honor the history, culture and influence of
6 past generations who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and
7 Central and South America; and

8 WHEREAS, Hispanics were the earliest European settlers to
9 arrive in our great nation and many Hispanic people today are
10 descendants of the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean and
11 Central and South America; and

12 WHEREAS, Hispanics have contributed significantly to the
13 extraordinary diversity and progress of our Commonwealth and our
14 nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Latinos are the largest and fastest-growing ethnic
16 minority in our Commonwealth and our nation; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ethnically diverse population
18 features nearly 1 million Hispanic residents, including

1 individuals of Puerto Rican, Mexican and Dominican descent; and
2 WHEREAS, With roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and
3 Central and South America, Hispanic Americans culturally enrich
4 our communities, spur business and industry and commit to
5 careers in law enforcement, military service and public service;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout our history, Hispanic Americans have
8 shown their devotion to our nation through military service and
9 have fought in every war since our nation's founding; and

10 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in Federal and State courts
11 and are members of the Congress of the United States and the
12 General Assembly; and

13 WHEREAS, "National Hispanic Heritage Month" has become a
14 vital opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural traditions and
15 significant achievements of our Hispanic and Latino American
16 communities across the Commonwealth; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe September 15 through
18 October 15, 2023, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania
19 and recognize the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our
20 Commonwealth.