

KENOSHA COUNTY

Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution Recognizing September 15 through October 15 as “Hispanic Heritage Month”

Submitted by: **Chairman Xavier Solis, Vice Chairman Brain Gonzales, Commissioner Courtney Marshall**

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week was established in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988 by President Ronald Regan, and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year beginning September 15, until October 15; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 US Census, it is estimated that Hispanics and Latinos make up 14.5% of the Kenosha County Population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes, honors, and celebrates the contributions and influences of Hispanics and Latinos in education, art, music, sports, politics, business, law enforcement, military, the legal field, and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos in Kenosha County greatly contribute to our workforce and economy, with many of them being small business owners, and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos in Kenosha County have a positive influence through strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, education, and service to our country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos have served honorably in our military, and have fought bravely in every conflict since the Revolutionary War, with many Hispanic and Latinos receiving distinction awards such as the Purple Heart and Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos have served and protected our community as law enforcement officers making invaluable sacrifices and some have given their life in the line of duty, such as Kenosha County Sheriff Deputy Blanco Aquino (End of Watch: Sunday, July 21, 1991); and

WHEREAS, residents of Kenosha County appreciate and enjoy the contributions, food, music, and values that Hispanics and Latinos provide to our county;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission supports the efforts of the County Executive, Samantha Kerkman and the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors to recognize September 15 through October 15 of every year as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Kenosha County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission does recognize September 15 through October 15 of every year as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Kenosha County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission encourages members of the community to join and celebrate the everyday contributions of Hispanic and Latinos in our community.



Xavier Solis
Chairman