

Richland County Rules and Resolutions Committee & Ethics Board

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Agenda Item Name: Hispanic American Heritage Month

Department	n/a (County Board)	Presented By:	Shaun Murphy-Lopez
Date of Meeting:	9/2/21	Action Needed:	Resolution
Disclosure:	Open Session	Authority:	Committee Structure, Section D
Date submitted:	9/1/21	Referred by:	None

Recommendation and/or action language:

Recommend a motion, to present a resolution to the County Board celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month.

Background:

From the website hispanicheritagemonth.gov:

“Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.”

Hispanics make up Richland County’s largest racial minority group. In the 2020 Census, 526 out of 17,304 residents (or 3%) identified as Hispanic.

A Resolution Celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month

WHEREAS Hispanic American Heritage Month has been celebrated across the country since the 1988, when President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill that recognized September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic American Heritage Month, and

WHEREAS Hispanic Americans have struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society, and

WHEREAS people of Hispanic descent make up Richland County’s largest racial minority group, with 526 out of 17,304 residents (3%) identifying as Hispanic in the 2020 Census, and

WHEREAS people of Hispanic descent are critical to the economy, culture, and history of Richland County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the County Board hereby celebrates Hispanic American Heritage History Month, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board encourages residents to learn about and embrace the historical and cultural contributions of Hispanic Americans in Richland County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board welcomes Hispanic Americans, immigrants, and workers to Richland County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

Attachments and References:

Financial Review:

(please check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	In adopted budget	Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other funding Source		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No financial impact		

Approval:

Review:

Department Head

Administrator, or Elected Office (if applicable)
