



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month was founded to celebrate the heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Hispanic and Latinx residents in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 15<sup>th</sup> District of Cook County is proud to celebrate the diversity of its residents and the richness of culture; and

**WHEREAS**, many community organizations are active in the District that represent and serve Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro de Informacion is a social services agency that provides bilingual advocacy at our locations in Elgin, Carpentersville, and Hanover Park for more than 15,000 immigrants every year. Centro serves mostly low-income, Hispanic immigrants residing in the greater Fox Valley area; and

**WHEREAS**, The Elgin Hispanic Network is a group that provides a place for businesses and organizations to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas to improve the quality of life of the Hispanic community in Elgin; and

**WHEREAS**, Association of Latinx/as Motivating Association is an organization that has a mission to fight for the rights of the Latino Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning community by advocating for fairness and equality, and affirming Latino LGBTQ culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) works to ensure the equitable participation of its constituents in the construction industry, while also promoting the growth, quality of work, professionalism and integrity of these individuals and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic American Community Education Services (HACES) assists our immigrant community members in achieving their individual and collective goals to foster their prosperity and harmony with the larger community as a whole. HACES has helped over 3,000 adults and children to obtain their Legal Permanent Residency Status and 1,900 students to obtain their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status and work permits; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO West Suburban Action Project is a community-based social justice organization that works to engage community members to address issues that affect them, their families, and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce seeks to empower Hispanic businesses and those interested in the Hispanic market, through PEAC - Promotion, Education, Advocacy and community Collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Grupo Folklorico Quetzal is a Latin American folkloric dance troupe based in Hanover Park that

participates in community events, parades, and fairs; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute looks to fulfill the promises and principles of democracy by promoting education, research, and leadership development, and empowering Latinos and similarly disenfranchised groups by maximizing their civic awareness, engagement, and participation. USHLI has worked in the 15<sup>th</sup> District with students in District U46; and

**WHEREAS**, Mariachi Joya Dorada de U-46 is an extracurricular performance ensemble comprised of students from several U-46 middle and high schools which provides students an opportunity to participate in a rich cultural tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, these community organizations work tirelessly to serve the Northwest Suburbs and promote the heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor National Hispanic Heritage Month and the contributing organizations for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the community organizations honored in this resolution.