Chapter 292

(Senate Bill 415)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Commemorative Month – Hispanic Heritage Month

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim a certain period each year as Hispanic Heritage Month; requiring the proclamation to urge certain organizations to observe the month with certain activities; and generally relating to Hispanic Heritage Month.

BY adding to

Article – State Government Section 13–503 Annotated Code of Maryland (2009 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Government

13 - 503.

(A) IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HISPANICS <u>HISPANIC AMERICANS</u> HAVE MADE TO THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROCLAIM THE MONTH FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15, BOTH INCLUSIVE, EACH YEAR AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.

(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.