## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, IOVINO, LEACH, HUGHES, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL, MARTIN, BLAKE, DINNIMAN, VOGEL, J. WARD, BROWNE, MENSCH, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, YUDICHAK, AUMENT, KEARNEY AND SCHWANK, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Observing September 15 through October 15, 2019, as "Hispanic
- 2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and recognizing the
- achievements of Hispanic Americans in our Commonwealth.
- 4 WHEREAS, Hispanics have contributed significantly to the
- 5 extraordinary diversity and progress of our Commonwealth and our
- 6 nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Hispanics represent the fastest-growing minority
- 8 ethnic group in our Commonwealth and our nation; and
- 9 WHEREAS, With a median age of 30, Hispanics comprise the
- 10 youngest minority ethnic group in the United States; and
- 11 WHEREAS, An average of 900,000 young persons of Hispanic
- 12 origin are projected to become eligible to vote each year
- 13 through 2028; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ethnically diverse population
- 15 features more than 800,000 Hispanic residents, including persons
- 16 of Puerto Rican, Mexican and Dominican descent; and
- 17 WHEREAS, With roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central

- 1 America and South America, Hispanic Americans culturally enrich
- 2 our communities, spur business and industry and commit to
- 3 careers in law enforcement, military service and public service;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in the Federal and State
- 6 courts and are members of the Congress of the United States and
- 7 the General Assembly; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The Latino population in the United States is
- 9 projected to grow to 31% of the total United States population
- 10 by 2060; therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe September 15 through
- 12 October 15, 2019, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania
- 13 and recognize the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our
- 14 Commonwealth.