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Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
72nd Session

## **Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution**

"A resolution recognizing the significance of Hispanic Heritage Month at Texas A&M

University"

Action Taken

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Eric Mendoza

Speaker of the Senate

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**Introduced By:** Jonathan Resendez, College of Engineering Caucus

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Whereas(1):

In 1968, a proclamation was issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson stating that the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> would be National Hispanic Heritage Week which would celebrate Hispanic Americans and the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American Countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico;

and,

Whereas(2):

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded this week to a 30-day period starting on September 15<sup>th</sup> and ending on October 15<sup>th</sup>, which is now officially known as Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

Whereas(3):

This month now commemorates and observes all histories, cultures, and contributions of American Citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and,

Whereas(4):

Notable former Hispanic students have come from Texas A&M University such as Pablo Marvin'66, Monica Cuellar Menzel'93, Dr. Manuel Piña'67, Dr. Rebecca Robles-Piña'75; and,

Whereas(5):

With the undergraduate Hispanic population at Texas A&M at 23.91% (Data and Research Services, Fall 2018), the Student Senate would like to extend an encouraging gesture to the thousands of Aggies who identify as Hispanic/Latinx, and also demonstrate that regardless of our cultural differences, we can still be "true to each other as Aggies can be"

Therefore Let it be

Resolved(1):

The  $72^{nd}$  session of the Texas A&M University Student Senate officially recognize September  $15^{th}$  – October  $15^{th}$  as Hispanic Heritage Month at

Texas A&M University; and,

Let it be Further

Resolved(2):

For the Texas A&M University Student Senate to extend a warm gratitude to the former Hispanic students and their families- as Pablo Marvin'66,

Monica Cuellar Menzel'93, Dr. Manuel Piña'67, Dr. Rebecca

Robles-Piña'75 – for their continuous support to the university; and,

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Let it be Further

**Resolved(3):** That the Texas A&M University Student Senate extends support to all

Texas A&M Hispanic organizations that are cultivating culture and contextual intelligence in thousands of Aggies, developing the visionary global leaders of tomorrow, and actively leading by example in this

university with inclusiveness and integration.

Let it be Further

Resolved(4):

A copy of this resolution be sent to:

The Battalion

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Diversity

Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M

University

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