Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution

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

Action Taken: PASSED

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Speaker of the Senate

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Whereas(1): In 1968, a proclamation was issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson stating that the week of September 15th and 16th 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 15th and ending on October 15th, 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 72nd session of the Texas A&M University Student Senate officially recognize September 15th – October 15th 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,
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
Dr. Robin Means Coleman, Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M University
Dr. Tonya Driver, Director of Department of Multicultural Services, Texas-A&M University
Dr. Maria I. Moyna, Associate Professor of History and Department Head of Hispanic Studies, Texas A&M
Dr. Sonia Hernandez, Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University
Luis Saldana, President, Hispanic Presidents' Council (HPC)
Amy Guzman, Executive Director, Latino Logradores, Department of Multicultural Services, Texas A&M