

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

Senators Camilleri, Cavanagh, Anthony, Chang and Geiss offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to designate September 15-October 15, 2025, as  
2       Hispanic Heritage Month.

3       Whereas, Hispanic and Latino Americans have held a  
4       longstanding and significant contribution to the fabric of the  
5       United States; and

6       Whereas, September 15 to October 15 represents the anniversary  
7       of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala,  
8       Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

9       Whereas, Each year, Americans celebrate National Hispanic  
10       Heritage Month by honoring the histories and cultures of American  
11       citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean,  
12       and Central and South America; and

13       Whereas, The United States has greatly benefitted from the

1 cultural, economic, and societal contributions that Spanish-  
2 speaking people have brought to our nation, including the areas of  
3 law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology,  
4 architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

5       Whereas, Hispanic Americans have consistently upheld the  
6 principles of freedom and representative government throughout our  
7 nation's history; and

8       Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Week was first recognized by  
9 President Lyndon Johnson and was further developed by President  
10 Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to  
11 October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public  
12 Law 100-402; and

13       Whereas, Michigan is proud to count among its population a  
14 large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American  
15 descent. Those who have lived in this state for generations as well  
16 as new residents contribute to our economy and society through  
17 their commitment to professions, commerce, family, and the arts;  
18 and

19       Whereas, During this month, Michigan's Hispanic-American  
20 community celebrates through a series of special programs featuring  
21 Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

22       Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of time in the  
23 United States when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic  
24 and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their  
25 varied heritage, background, and culture; now, therefore, be it

26       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
27 body designate September 15-October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage  
28 Month.