

2023 RES-164

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually in the United States from September 15 to October 15, celebrating the rich history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, this month-long celebration also encompasses Mexico's Independence Day on September 16 and the independence of Chile on September 18; and

WHEREAS, the Latino population of Dane county is 7.0% representing the largest non-white ethnic group in Dane County; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos represent a diverse and vibrant community, including individuals with roots from various countries in Latin America, each contributing unique traditions, languages, arts, and histories to Dane County's cultural richness; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to educate and engage people about the history, achievements, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans, fostering greater understanding and appreciation in our community; and

WHEREAS, Dane County hosts many activities and events during Hispanic Heritage Month and residents are invited to participate throughout the month; the Madison Public Library is hosting a series of events highlighting the achievements and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans and celebrating Hispanic and Latino American culture; the Overture Center and Madison Symphony Orchestra are also recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month with performances, visual art, and other programming.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, honoring the contributions, achievements, and cultural richness of Hispanic and Latino Americans in our community.

Patrick Miles, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2023.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk