

**2025 RES-137**

**RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15, 2025, AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually in the United States from September 15 to October 15, a time to proudly celebrate the rich history, vibrant culture, and invaluable 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 2025 theme of Hispanic Heritage Month is "Collective Heritage: Honoring the past, inspiring the future." This theme serves as a reminder to continually recognize and learn about the diverse traditions, languages, arts, histories, journeys, and achievements of Hispanic and Latine communities, especially in a time when some are threatening to erase their voices and history. As the future generations come forward, we must make space to amplify their unique voices and experiences as they continue to influence the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos comprise 7.6% of Dane County's population, all of whom are an integral part of our community, significantly advancing and shaping the workforce in both rural and urban spaces within Dane County, and playing essential roles in agriculture, healthcare, education, the arts, and business; and

**WHEREAS**, community organizations, such as the Latino Academy of Workforce Development, play an important role in supporting and advancing opportunities for Hispanic and Latine residents, thereby strengthening Dane County's diverse communities by providing linguistically and culturally competent adult education programs that foster social, economic, and civic success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors commends the Latino Academy of Workforce Development and other similar community organizations for their unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to the success and vitality of Dane County, particularly in their efforts to uplift Hispanic and Latine residents.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes September 15 to October 15, 2025, as National Hispanic Heritage Month across Dane County.

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Patrick Miles, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Scott McDonell,  
Dane County Clerk