

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE ONE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, AND ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2021 AS "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month runs each year from September 15 through October 15, and celebrates the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans, who have enriched our culture and society and helped make the United States into the incredible country it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, the U.S. Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week, and the observance was subsequently expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration, September 15 through October 15; and

**WHEREAS**, September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population living in the continental United States at over 59,000,000, plus an additional 3,300,000 living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans 18 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latino population in the United States is currently the third largest worldwide, exceeding the size of the Latino population in every Latin American and Caribbean country except Mexico and Brazil; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month is particularly special to Miami Beach and the Greater Miami area – today, 59% of Greater Miami's population is of Hispanic origin, with numbers of more than one million; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos in our communities occupy positions of great responsibility in business, labor, government, science and technology, education, religion, the arts and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the achievements and contributions of the Hispanic and Latino community, the City of Miami Beach hosts an annual Hispanic Heritage Month event, and holds events throughout the month promote a celebration of Hispanic culture in our City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA** that the Mayor and the City hereby declare the one-month period beginning September 15, 2021, and ending October 15, 2021, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Michael Gongora)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *FA*

9-8-21  
Date