2009 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 11

September 22, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives COLON, ZEPNICK, SINICKI, HEBL, HIXSON, KESSLER, SHERMAN, BENEDICT, SOLETSKI, CULLEN, BERNARD SCHABER, BERCEAU, MOLEPSKE JR., NELSON, SHERIDAN, BARCA, TOLES, TURNER, STEINBRINK, GARTHWAITE and POCAN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1   **Relating to:** recognizing and proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month, a month–long

2   celebration of the culture and traditions of United States residents who trace

3   their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish–speaking nations of Central

4   America, South America, and the Caribbean.

5   Whereas, the story of Hispanics is the story of America, in that Hispanics have

6   contributed in various fields, from the arts, sciences, sports, culture, to the economy,

7   have encompassed the American dream, and brought the energy and drive of recent

8   immigrants to this country; and

9   Whereas, Hispanics serve in government at every level, from school boards to

10   the state house, from city councils and mayoral offices to Congress; and

11   Whereas, for the first time in our nation's history, an Hispanic, Sonya

12   Sotomayor, is confirmed as a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

13   Whereas, Hispanics have served with honor and distinction in every conflict

14   involving the United States since the Revolutionary War, and have made valuable

15   contributions through their service to this country; and

1   Whereas, the United States Census Bureau estimates that by July 2008 the

2   Hispanic population had surpassed 45 million people, constituting 15 percent of the

3   total population of the United States, making Hispanics the largest minority group;

4   now, therefore, be it

5   ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly

6   honor the achievements of Hispanics in America and honor the many ways that

7   Hispanics continue to enrich our nation and shape our common future; and, be it

8   further

9   ***Resolved, That*** following in the footsteps of Congress, September 15 to

10   October 15 is proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Month in Wisconsin.

11   **(END)**