

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

Whereas, the United States Census Bureau estimates that by July 2008 the
Hispanic population had surpassed 45 million people, constituting 15 percent of the
total population of the United States, making Hispanics the largest minority group;
now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly
honor the achievements of Hispanics in America and honor the many ways that
Hispanics continue to enrich our nation and shape our common future; and, be it
further
Resolved, That following in the footsteps of Congress, September 15 to
October 15 is proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Month in Wisconsin.

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