

## **2019 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 18**

November 5, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, ANDERSON, BOWEN, CROWLEY, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MURPHY, NEUBAUER, SARGENT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and BROSTOFF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing November 2, 2019, as Día de los Muertos in the state of
2	Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, Día de los Muertos is the traditional Mexican celebration and
4	remembrance of the dead; and
5	Whereas, the origins of Día de los Muertos date back thousands of years to
6	indigenous Aztec and Mayan rituals; and
7	Whereas, the ceremonies begin on the 31st of October, when the spirits of
8	children are invited to return with offerings of toys and candies; and
9	Whereas, on the 2nd of November, the ceremonies turn to invite the spirits of
10	adults who have passed on; and
11	Whereas, Día de los Muertos honors friends and family who have passed away
12	with celebrations, food, dance, and other activities, including visiting family
13	members' graves to clean them and make offerings; and making ofrendas to hold the
14	gifts for the deceased, in hopes of reuniting with them and asking for their guidance;
15	and

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1	Whereas, on Día de los Muertos, celebrants make calaveras, ornately decorated
2	sugar skulls that are emblematic of the holiday; and also make pan de muerto, a
3	bread covered in sugar with bone decorations, as well as many other traditional
4	Mexican dishes; and
5	Whereas, Mexicans and people of Mexican descent have lived in Wisconsin
6	since at least 1866; and
7	Whereas, Mexicans have moved to Wisconsin in large numbers since the 1910s,
8	and are now part of the fabric of the state; and
9	Whereas, there are now over 270,000 Wisconsinites of Mexican heritage; and
10	Whereas, thousands of people across Wisconsin will celebrate Día de los
11	Muertos this year with their family members, both living and deceased; now,
12	therefore, be it
13	<b>Resolved by the assembly, That</b> the Wisconsin State Assembly recognizes
14	November 2, 2019, as Día de los Muertos in the state of Wisconsin.
15	(END)