

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.315

Reps. Guerra, Camilleri, Sneller, Garza, Hammoud, Chirkun, Haadsma, Kuppa, Lasinski, Liberati, Love, Pagan, Sowerby, Wittenberg and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare September 22, 2020, as Hispanic  
2       Heritage Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, There has been a long and important presence of  
4       Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America and the United  
5       States of America; and

6       Whereas, The month of September 15 to October 15 is nationally  
7       recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month due to independence  
8       anniversaries for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala,  
9       Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

10       Whereas, Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic  
11       Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and



1 contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain,  
2 Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

3       Whereas, Each year, the United States recognizes the economic,  
4 cultural, and social contributions that Spanish-speaking peoples  
5 have brought to our nation, including the gifts of law, religion,  
6 agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture,  
7 cuisine, theater, and exploration; and

8       Whereas, Time and again throughout our nation's history,  
9 Hispanic-Americans have faithfully defended the principles of  
10 freedom and a representative government; and

11       Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President  
12 Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988  
13 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15, and  
14 enacted into law on August 17, 1988, as Public Law 100-402; and

15       Whereas, This state is fortunate to count among its  
16 population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin  
17 American descent, including those who have lived in this state for  
18 generations and those who are new to this state, who contribute to  
19 our economy and society through their commitment to professions,  
20 commerce, family, and the arts; and

21       Whereas, During the month from September 15 to October 15,  
22 this state's Hispanic-American community celebrates Hispanic  
23 Heritage Month through a series of special programs featuring  
24 Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; and

25       Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period of  
26 time in the United States when people recognize the contributions  
27 of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate  
28 these people's varied heritage, background, and culture; now,  
29 therefore, be it

1           Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
2 this legislative body declare September 22, 2020, as Hispanic  
3 Heritage Day in the state of Michigan. We recognize and celebrate  
4 the contributions, service, and cultures of American citizens whose  
5 ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and  
6 South America.