THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 2 3	Observing September 15 through October 15, 2017, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our Commonwealth.
4	WHEREAS, Hispanics have contributed significantly to the
5	extraordinary diversity and progress of our Commonwealth and our
6	nation; and
7	WHEREAS, Hispanics represent the fastest-growing minority
8	ethnic group in our Commonwealth and our nation; and
9	WHEREAS, With a median age of 27 years, Hispanics comprise
10	the youngest minority ethnic group in the United States; and
11	WHEREAS, An average of 900,000 young persons of Hispanic
12	origin are projected to become eligible to vote each year
13	through 2028; and
14	WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ethnically diverse population
15	features more than 800,000 Hispanic residents, including persons
16	of Puerto Rican, Mexican and Dominican descent; and
17	WHEREAS, With roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central

America and South America, Hispanic Americans culturally enrich
our communities, spur business and industry and commit to
careers in law enforcement, military service and public service;
and

5 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in the Federal and State 6 courts and are members of the Congress of the United States and 7 the General Assembly; and

8 WHEREAS, The Latino population in the United States is 9 projected to grow to 31% of the total United States population 10 by 2060; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe September 15 through 12 October 15, 2017, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania 13 in recognition of the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our 14 Commonwealth.