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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 210 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, TEPLITZ, WASHINGTON, WILLIAMS,  
GREENLEAF, RAFFERTY, WOZNIAK, FERLO, ERICKSON, VULAKOVICH,  
DINNIMAN, PILEGGI, COSTA, HUGHES, ALLOWAY, YUDICHAK, SOLOBAY,  
MENSCH, FONTANA AND BLAKE, OCTOBER 1, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing September 15 through October 15, 2013, as "Hispanic  
2 Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Throughout our history, Hispanic Americans have  
4 enriched the cultural diversity of our nation and this  
5 Commonwealth through their contributions to business, industry,  
6 politics, education, science, sports and the arts; and

7 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans now comprise the largest and  
8 fastest-growing minority ethnic group in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Nearly 12.8 million Hispanic Americans are residing  
10 in this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and  
12 Nicaragua commemorate the anniversary of their independence on  
13 September 15; and

14 WHEREAS, In Mexico, Chile and Belize, holiday observances  
15 continue from this period through Dia de la Raza, October 12;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed

1 annually in the United States from September 15 through October  
2 15 in accordance with Public Law 100-402, as enacted on August  
3 17, 1988; and

4 WHEREAS, The 2013 Presidential Proclamation setting forth  
5 National Hispanic Heritage Month notes that:

6 Whether our ancestors crossed the Atlantic in 1790 or the  
7 Rio Grande in 1970, Americans are bound by a set of  
8 common values -- a love of liberty and justice, the  
9 belief that a better life should await anyone willing to  
10 work for it;

11 and

12 WHEREAS, "Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with  
13 Pride and Honor" is the theme of the 2013 national observance;  
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15 WHEREAS, The Senate respectfully acknowledges the tremendous  
16 record of service and leadership among Hispanic Americans in  
17 communities throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize September 15 through  
19 October 15, 2013, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.