

RESOLUTION 136
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Board of Aldermen would like pause in their deliberations to recognize and observe National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, from September 15 to October 15, we celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the observation started as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, it was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the unique influences of Hispanic cultures during National Hispanic Heritage Month, let us recognize the Hispanic Americans within our City that have crucial chapters in our national and local story; and

WHEREAS, they run successful businesses, teach our next generation of leaders, and pioneer scientific and technological breakthroughs; this month, America acknowledges these vital contributions and celebrates our Hispanic heritage; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to honor the achievements of Hispanics in America and in our City and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 21st day of September, 2018 by:

The Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

The Honorable Carol Howard, Alderwoman 14th Ward

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2018 as attested by:

Louis Galli
Interim Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen