

Senators Hildenbrand, Bieda, Young, Gregory, Hansen, Hertel, Hopgood and Hood offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 205.**

A resolution to declare September 15 - October 15, 2016, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Whereas, This month represents the anniversary of independence for Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

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

Whereas, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent--including those who have lived in Michigan for generations and those who are new to the Great Lakes State--who contribute to Michigan's economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, and the arts; and

Whereas, Time and again throughout our nation's history, Hispanic-Americans have had a profound influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, and service; and

Whereas, During the month spanning from September 15 - October 15, Michigan's Hispanic-American community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through a series of special programs featuring Hispanic history, food, dance, and art; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Michigan Senate, that the members of this legislative body declare September 15 - October 15, 2016, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. We encourage all citizens to recognize and applaud the many contributions made by these individuals to enhance the quality of life in this state.