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2026

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing September 15 to October 15,
3 2026, as "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in the
4 State of Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the national, month-long celebration known as
7 "Hispanic Heritage Month" is dedicated to the culture, history,
8 and contributions of Latin American and Hispanic countries, and

9 WHEREAS, the celebration begins on September 15 to coincide
10 with the national independence days of Guatemala, Honduras, El
11 Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, and

12 WHEREAS, the role of Afro-Latinos in Latin and Hispanic
13 heritage and cultures includes historic milestones, such as
14 Vicente Guerrero, who served as President of Mexico from April
15 to December 1829, and Juan José Nieto Gil, who served as
16 President of Colombia from January 25 to July 18, 1861, each of
17 whom was the first Black president of his respective country,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, there are many influential Latino and Hispanic
20 Americans, including civil rights activist and co-founder of the
21 National Farm Workers Association, Cesar Chavez; the first
22 Hispanic-American woman to travel to space and be inducted into
23 the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame, Ellen Ochoa; and the
24 first Hispanic-American woman to serve as a member of the United
25 States Supreme Court, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, and

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26 WHEREAS, many Spanish-speaking communities celebrate "Dia
27 de La Raza" on October 12, toward the end of Hispanic Heritage
28 Month, and

29 WHEREAS, according to the 2020 United States Census,
30 5,697,240 Hispanic and Latino people are living in Florida, and

31 WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Floridians are the second-
32 largest racial and ethnic group in this state, making up 26
33 percent of the population, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 Florida:

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38 That September 15 to October 15, 2026, is recognized as
39 "Latin and Hispanic Heritage Month" in the State of Florida.