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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND  
CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2009 AS NATIONAL  
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.**

WHEREAS, Hispanic-Americans have played important roles in American history, from making important discoveries to excelling in science, education, law, politics, music, art, and sports; and

WHEREAS, in September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, September 15<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the starting date for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the culture and traditions of those who trace their heritage to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau, as of July 2008, an estimated 46.9 Million Hispanic-Americans reside in the United States and comprise 15 percent of the nation's total population; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40,000 Hispanic-Americans reside in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is especially significant this year because on August 6, 2009, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Sonia Maria Sotomayor became the Court's first Hispanic justice; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to reflect on the history, culture, and teachings of Hispanic-Americans who have contributed to our state, nation, and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

**Section 1:** That the Assembly recognizes and celebrates September 15 through October 15, 2009 as

**"NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

Debbi Ossander  
Chair

ATTEST:

Paula S. Jones  
Municipal Clerk

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