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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2011.**

WHEREAS, as reported by the United States Census Bureau in the 2010 Census, the Hispanic population accounts for over half the growth of the total population in the United States between 2000 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, in the 2010 Census, an estimated 50.5 Million Hispanic-Americans reside in the United States, and comprise 16.3 percent of the nation's total population; and

WHEREAS, for Alaska, the 2010 Census reflects a 51.8 percent increase of Hispanic-Americans now residing in our state, and of the 39,249 Hispanic-Americans now calling Alaska home, approximately 22,470 reside in Anchorage and comprise 7.7 percent of Anchorage's population; and

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, since 1988, September 15th has been chosen as the starting date for the National Hispanic Heritage Month because it marks the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and

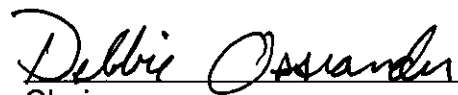
WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the culture and traditions of those who trace their heritage to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, 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 recognizes and celebrates September 15 through October 15, 2011 as

"NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of September, 2011.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk