

WHEREAS; for over 30 years, since the passage of Public Law 100-402 in 1988, Hispanic Heritage Month has been celebrated across the United States; and

WHEREAS; beginning with the recognition of September 15 as the independence day of five Central American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua – Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to honor the traditions and countless artistic, scientific, political, and cultural contributions of United States residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS; as of 2019, the United States Census Bureau estimates that Hispanic Americans comprise 7.1 percent of Wisconsin’s population, and 18.5 percent of the United States population, making up the largest ethnic minority group in the country and the fastest-growing constituency within our state; and

WHEREAS; Hispanic Americans from Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, and every corner of our country have fought in every war and conflict involving the United States since the Revolutionary War, and 60 Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military award for valor in action against an enemy force; and

WHEREAS; in addition to playing an important role in the history of our state and of our country, Hispanic Americans fuel our economies through entrepreneurship and continued contributions to industry, the arts, agriculture, civil society, academia, healthcare services, and more; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in reflecting on the cultural heritage, collective resilience, and countless contributions of Hispanic Americans to our state and to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2020, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17th day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State