

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, September 15 through October 15 is designated as National Hispanic Heritage Month in America and is dedicated to celebrating the history and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to include those from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded to a 30-day period (September 15 – October 15) and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino American population has grown to become the largest minority group in the United States, while the state of Ohio is proud to be called home by more than 350,000 people who make up 3.1% of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Census, Ohio's Hispanic/Latino population grew by 63.4 percent since 2000 and nearly tripled since 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino American population has contributed significantly to Ohio's economic, business, and community development and continues to increase the awareness of issues and concerns to Ohio's Hispanic/Latino community; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA), serves as a critical hub for Ohio's Hispanic/Latino community and has helped to develop a statewide network of community organizations that provide valuable services and resources to their local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 15 – October 15, 2012 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

throughout Ohio and invite all Ohioans, especially our Hispanic/Latino community, to join in this celebration with appropriate observances and activities in the greatest traditions of the Hispanic/Latino heritage

On this 15th day of September, 2012;


John R. Kasich

Governor

