

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1017

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A Resolution proclaiming Wednesday, May 1, 2019, to be the third Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanics.

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma celebrates the third annual Hispanic Cultural Day on May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos identify their origin as the heritage, nationality group, lineage or country of birth of their parents or ancestors before their arrival into the United States; and

WHEREAS, Spanish-speaking countries are Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

1 WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history
2 of Oklahoma since the sixteenth century when the Spanish initially
3 claimed Oklahoma, particularly the Oklahoma Panhandle; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1541, Spanish explorer Francisco Vazquez de Coronado
5 led his army on their trek to conquer the Seven Cities of Cibola or
6 Quivira (actual Cimarron County); and

7 WHEREAS, the majority population of Hispanics in Oklahoma are in
8 the cities of Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Guymon; and

9 WHEREAS, Hispanics have migrated to the State of Oklahoma with
10 hope for better lives than the ones they left behind; and

11 WHEREAS, the southern portion of Oklahoma City and adjacent
12 metro areas consist of full Spanish-language billboard
13 advertisements; and

14 WHEREAS, the influence of Hispanics in Oklahoma is a spontaneous
15 result of the combination of their perseverance through hard times
16 and the innate yearning to establish a sense of place.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims
20 Wednesday, May 1, 2019, to be the third Hispanic Cultural Day in
21 Oklahoma.
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1 THAT all Oklahomans celebrate the heritage and culture of
2 Hispanics in Oklahoma and recognize the immense contributions of
3 Hispanics to this state.

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