

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE

CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION NO. 1017

By: Menz and Alonso-Sandoval of
the House

and

Brooks of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution declaring May 14, 2025, as the 9th annual Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; recognizing the Hispanic community in Oklahoma; and celebrating the heritage, culture, and contributions of Hispanics to the State of Oklahoma.

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

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

WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history of Oklahoma since the 16th Century when the Spanish initially claimed Oklahoma, specifically the Oklahoma Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, the first exploration of Oklahoma was led by the Spaniard Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and his army in 1541 on their journey to conquer the Seven Cities of Cíbola or Quivira, the area known today as Cimarron County; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Oklahoma's Hispanic population live in the cities of Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Guymon; and

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

WHEREAS, the influence of Hispanics in Oklahoma is a result of their perseverance through hard times as well as their innate yearning to establish a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, the median age of non-Hispanics in the United States is fifty-four (54) years of age, the Hispanic median age is thirty (30) years of age; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the Hispanic population in the United States would rank as the fifth-largest economy in the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate declare May 14, 2025, as the 9th annual Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State Senate do hereby recognize the heritage, culture, and immense contributions of Hispanics to the State of Oklahoma.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of May,
2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of May, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.
By: _____