

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 1017

By: Menz

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma
21 State Senate declare May 14, 2025, as the 9th annual Hispanic
22 Cultural Day in Oklahoma.
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1 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State
2 Senate do hereby recognize the heritage, culture, and immense
3 contributions of Hispanics to the State of Oklahoma.
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