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RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LATINO HERITAGE MONTH AND THE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL LATINO CAUCUS AND LATINO COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Annually, from September 15 to October 15 the United States, State of Illinois, and City of Chicago (City) observe Latino Heritage Month by celebrating the significant contributions, history, and diverse culture of the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, September 15 is a significant start date because it is the shared anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua in addition to Mexico on September 16 and Chile on September 18; and

WHEREAS, Today, Latinos represent the largest minority group in the City, State, and Nation-an undeniable influence on America's diverse identity; and

WHEREAS, Specifically, Latinos account for approximately 820,000 of the City's total population-a 5% increase since the last Census; and

WHEREAS, Due to the collective work of Latino and diverse led groups throughout the City, representation now exists within historically excluded spaces and is demonstrably growing; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council Latino Caucus (Latino Caucus) works to improve the quality of life for Latinos by assuring their best interests are both heard and represented in City Council; and

WHEREAS, The Latino Caucus' commitment to the advancement of the Latino community is furthered through the efforts led by the Chicago Latino Caucus Foundation (CLCF); and

WHEREAS, The CLCF was created to strengthen a much-needed talent pipeline to fulfill leadership gaps in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors through equitable resources such as scholarship and professional development; and

WHEREAS, As of today, the CLCF's Scholarship Program has awarded over \$800,000 to over 150 recipients, and more than 100 fellows have graduated their Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the Latino Caucus, and work led by Latino and diverse groups throughout the City, Chicago continues serve as a "Welcoming City" that supports and celebrates Latinos-despite outside efforts by xenophobic political actors; and, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor, City of Chicago Latino Caucus, and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 21st day of September 2022, do hereby acknowledge, celebrate, and uplift the significant contributions, history, and diverse culture of the Latino community-everyday and especially -this 2022 Latino Heritage Month.

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