

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, traditionally since 1988, Hispanic Heritage Month has been recognized across the nation as from September 15 to October 15 each year; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Census estimates the Hispanic population living in the continental United States at over 57,000,000, plus an additional 3,500,000 living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans almost 18 percent of the total population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, by 2060, the Latino population in the United States is projected to grow to 119,000,000, and the Latino population will comprise more than 28.6 percent of the total United States population; and

WHEREAS, the Latino population in the United States is currently the third largest worldwide, exceeding the size of the population in every Latin American and Caribbean country except Mexico and Brazil; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 in 4 public school students in the United States are Latino, and the ratio of Latino students is expected to rise to nearly 30 percent by 2027; and

WHEREAS, 19 percent of all college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are Latino, making Latinos the largest racial or ethnic minority group on college campuses in the United States, including 2-year community colleges and 4-year colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, a record 12,700,000 Latinos voted in the 2016 Presidential election, representing a record 9.2 percent of the electorate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the number of eligible Latino voters is expected to rise to 40,000,000 by 2030, accounting for 40 percent of the growth in the eligible electorate in the United States by 2032; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the annual purchasing power of Hispanic Americans was an estimated \$1,400,000,000,000, which is an amount greater than the economy of all except 17 countries in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,700,000 Hispanic-owned firms in the United States, supporting millions of employees nationwide and contributing more than \$600,000,000,000 in revenue to the economy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned businesses represent the fastest-growing segment of small businesses in the United States, with Latino-owned businesses growing at more than 15 times the national rate; and

WHEREAS, with 65.8 percent labor force participation, Latinos have the highest labor force participation rate of any racial or ethnic group, as compared to 62.9 percent labor force participation overall; and

WHEREAS, within the West St. Paul community, the Hispanic or Latino population has been growing from the 1990 census of 4.56% of the population, to 19.46% of the 2010 population, to a 2014-2018 American Community Survey estimate of 22.83% of the estimated 21,205 2019 Met Council population estimate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West St. Paul City Council that the month between September 15 and October 15, 2020 is hereby recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month within the City of West St. Paul

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 14th day of September 2020.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk