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**Dane County Board of Supervisors Recognizes  
National Hispanic Heritage Month**

**2025 Theme is “Collective Heritage: Honoring the past, inspiring the future.”**

**DANE COUNTY, Wis.** — On Thursday, September 4, 2025, the Dane County Board of Supervisors officially recognized the period from September 15 to October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month throughout Dane County, honoring the rich history, vibrant culture, and invaluable contributions of Hispanic and Latin Americans. The significance of September 15 relates to the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The month-long tradition also encompasses Mexico’s Independence Day on September 16 and Chile’s Independence Day on September 18. The board passed [2025 RES-137](#) to mark this observance.

“Hispanic and Latine communities enrich Dane County in countless ways,” said Supervisor April Kigeya (Dist. 15), who presented the resolution. “From cultural traditions and entrepreneurial leadership to civic engagement and advocacy, their impact is felt in every corner of our community. This month is an opportunity not only to honor those contributions, but also to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all residents can thrive, even in the face of adversity.”

The board also acknowledged and commended the work of the Latino Academy of Workforce Development and other community organizations, which play an invaluable role in supporting and advancing opportunities for Hispanic and Latino individuals. Their efforts strengthen Dane County’s diverse communities by providing linguistically and culturally competent adult education programs that foster social, economic, and civic success.

The board welcomed Nydia Martinez, Executive Director of the Latino Academy of Workforce Development, to speak in support of the resolution. “Hispanic / Latine workers are the backbone of Dane County’s economy—building homes, sustaining agriculture, caring for families, and fueling growth in hospitality, construction, and our economy overall,” said Martinez. “At the Latino Academy of Workforce Development, we see every day how their hard work, resilience, and leadership enrich not just our community, but the

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entire state of Wisconsin. By providing culturally relevant education and workforce training, we help ensure that the very workers who sustain our economy also have the tools to thrive in it. This resolution is a powerful recognition of their contributions—and a reminder that when we invest in Latino workers and organizations like LAWD, we invest in the strength and future of Dane County.”

The Dane County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to supporting its Hispanic and Latine residents through county programs and services, such as the Immigration Affairs Office (IAO). The IAO is part of the Prevention and Early Intervention Division of the Dane County Department of Human Services.

If you or someone you know in the immigrant community is in need of assistance, please contact the IAO at (608) 895-0650 or via email at [hsimmigrationaffairs@danecounty.gov](mailto:hsimmigrationaffairs@danecounty.gov).

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