

*Presidential recognition of September as Hispanic Heritage Month  
at Wayne State University*

WHEREAS the United States Congress has designated Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, and Wayne State University joins in this tribute and celebration by acknowledging the many accomplishments and contributions that members of our society with Latin American and Caribbean heritage have made in this nation; and

WHEREAS the original weeklong commemoration was changed by Public Law No. 100-402, which took effect Jan. 1, 1989, to National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is to include the 31-day period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a proclamation declaring the same period as Hispanic Heritage Month in Michigan Sept. 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS the objectives of National Hispanic Heritage Month are to create a greater awareness of the contributions of Hispanic people to America's identity, illustrate the diversity of the Hispanic American community, and encourage a greater curiosity within young people about the rich history and cultural heritage of Hispanic Americans; and

WHEREAS Hispanic influence is interwoven throughout American culture in, among other areas, entrepreneurial innovation, the humanities and sciences, and the furtherance of democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS Wayne State University, as the home of one of the oldest academic centers in the United States that studies and celebrates this diverse and vibrant community, has committed to enhancing initiatives aimed at boosting Latino student achievements in higher education through a partnership with *Excelencia* in Education's national network of Presidents for Latino Student Success to share knowledge and resources and build collaborations; and

WHEREAS at Wayne State University, located in the heart of Detroit, a city whose Hispanic community dates back a century, Hispanic Americans have graced our campus community with invaluable leadership, cultural enrichment and intellectual achievements. They are members of our faculty, our staff and our student body. In recognition of the numerous accomplishments and contributions made by Hispanic Americans, we reaffirm our commitment to encourage and support them through equal educational and employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D., president of Wayne State University, hereby proclaim Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month at Wayne State University, and I encourage the entire campus to join proudly in this celebration.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kimberly Andrews Espy".

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Kimberly Andrews Espy, Ph.D.  
President