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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. 84652 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors are from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics are leaders in all aspects of our national life, from the Supreme Court and halls of Congress, members of United States Armed Forces, police departments, teachers, entrepreneur mentors; and

WHEREAS, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua and additionally Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics represent 25.89 percent of Oakland's population which is approximately 100,000 people, 37.6 percent of California's population, and now there are now 8 states with a population of 1 million or more Hispanic residents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, by 2015 Hispanic buying power will hit \$1.6 trillion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in early 2014, the Hispanic Population will become the plurality in California for the first time since California became a state; and

WHEREAS, by 2030 Latinos will be California's largest workforce; and now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council recognizes, September 15 through October 15 of each year as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

IN COUNCIL, OA	AKLAND, CALIFORNIA, OCT 15 2013 20
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
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NOES- Ø	
ABSENT- Ø	
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Excused-	Reid and Kernighan-2 ATTEST: CUT VOCC TIMMENS

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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