UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Student Senate is the official voice of the student body; and

WHEREAS, Latinx Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th to October 15th; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promote and support an environment towards equity, diversity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Latin American Studies Department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire states that "the significant Latinx/Hispanic population in the United States and the increasing social, cultural and economic interconnectedness between the countries and peoples of the hemisphere will increase the demand for professionals who are [...] prepared to work with Latinx/Hispanics and the people of Latin America"; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Multicultural Affairs Latinx Student Services Coordinator, Diana Zarate, stated that "Latinx Heritage Month recognizes and celebrates the beautiful traditions and cultures of Latinx people whose heritage draws from multiple countries that make up Latin America"; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Latin American Studies Department have established several events to bring recognition and honor the heritage of Latinx cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Latinx population encompasses over 300 individuals at UW-Eau Claire, including faculty, staff, and students;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that UW-Eau Claire Student Senate recognizes the importance of showing solidarity with the Latinx global community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will call on the institution's administration to continue to support this month and recognize the historical importance that it holds for the history of the institution and the country;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire officially recognizes September 15-October 15 as Latinx Heritage Month

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Evan Weiher, University Senate; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students, Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment
Management; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Demetrius Smith, Interim Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Student Affairs; Manuel Fernandez, Program Director, Latin American Studies; Diana Zarate, Latinx Associate Student Service Coordinator

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