UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE - STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

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

WHEREAS, September 15\textsuperscript{th} through October 15\textsuperscript{th} is recognized as Latinx Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, this observation began in 1968 and was enacted into law in 1988\textsuperscript{1}; and

WHEREAS, September 15\textsuperscript{th} is a significant date for Latin America as it marks the independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua\textsuperscript{1}; and

WHEREAS, this month also contains dates for the independence of Mexico on September 16\textsuperscript{th} and Chile on September 18\textsuperscript{th}\textsuperscript{1}; and

WHEREAS, observing this month encourages awareness of Latinx populations in the United States and in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge the diverse experiences of Hispanic and Latin American communities; and

WHEREAS, despite the complex history of colonization, these communities are rich in culture and have greatly contributed to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, these communities still face adversity in the form of racism, xenophobia, and other forms of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this adversity restricts Latinx communities from embracing and celebrating their heritage; and

WHEREAS, Latinx Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize both the celebratory contributions of these communities, as well as observe the pain and struggles they have endured; and

WHEREAS, an official recognition of this observation promotes solidarity; and

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2020 Latinx students make up 3.7\% of our student population\textsuperscript{2}; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, UW- Eau Claire encourages the student community to do research to better understand the experiences of Latinx communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW- Eau Claire Student Senate will continue to support, advocate for, and work with Latinx communities on campus and off campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate calls on University Administration to continue to acknowledge and honor this month of observation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Mikoulinskii will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion &

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\textsuperscript{1} https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/
\textsuperscript{2} https://www.uwec.edu/institutional-research/factbook-landing-page/factbook-enrollment/
Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; William Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Jake Wrasse M.A., Legislative and Community Relations Liaison; Kristin Schumacher M. A., Director, University Centers; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire Barron County; Destini Wilson, Latinx Student Association President

SUBMITTED BY:
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