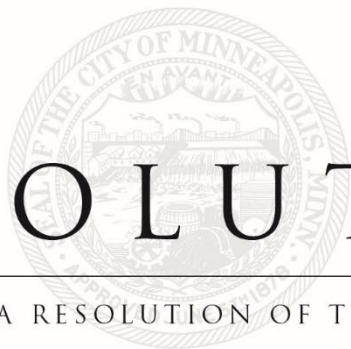




RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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COMMEMORATING LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

- Whereas: Latino Heritage Month is celebrated in the United States from September 15 to October 15; and
- Whereas: The terms Hispanic, Latino, Latina, Latinx, and Latine are used for the diverse ethnic group that is recognized during Latino Heritage Month; and
- Whereas: During Latino Heritage Month, we recognize and celebrate the independence days, *días de independencia*, of Latin American countries including *Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México and Nicaragua* and recognize the many languages spoken like Spanish, Portuguese, and native languages spoken pre-colonization and through today, such as Quechua, Quiche, Nahuatl, Aymara, and others; and
- Whereas: Latinos come from a rich history that existed way before the colonization of our countries and lands. We come from indigenous people that built pyramids, monuments, cities, and towns with a deep resistance against the invasion of our language, culture, and history; and
- Whereas: According to the 2020 U.S. Census, 345,640 (6.1%) of the Minnesota population identified as Hispanic or Latino, and approximately 44,500 (10.4%) of the Minneapolis population identified as Hispanic or Latino. Moreover, the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs reported in 2023 that Minnesota’s Latino population has grown by 141% since the year 2000; and
- Whereas: Generations of Latino residents have helped build and strengthen Minneapolis—as workers, small business owners, students, educators, artists, caregivers, healthcare professionals, public servants, entrepreneurs, community leaders, parents, neighbors, and friends. Their work, creativity, sacrifice, and dreams are woven into the story of our city; and
- Whereas: Beginning in December of 2025, the federal government occupied our City, ultimately sending over 3,000 agents to carry out Operation Metro Surge, an illegal occupation that targeted Latinx people and other people of color. Schools and children were terrorized, with at least 70 of our children being taken. Hundreds of caregivers were also taken, resulting in family separations and long-lasting trauma, and businesses closed down causing hundreds of millions of dollars in economic damage for Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: Before, during, and after Operation Metro Surge, Latine-, new immigrant-, and organizations mobilized grassroots support through mutual aid, rapid response, legal observers, and community coordination, ensuring people stayed safe and connected during times of uncertainty, violence and danger; and
- Whereas: During this illegal occupation, Minnesotans demonstrated courage, ingenuity, and leadership that has made our city and state a powerful symbol of justice, resistance, love and unity for the nation and the world; and
- Whereas: These acts of courage and compassion remind us that the strength of Minneapolis is found in its people—in families who care for one another, workers who keep our city moving, small businesses that bring life to our neighborhoods, elders who carry our stories, young people who carry our hopes, and neighbors who step forward when others need them most; and
- Whereas: the City of Minneapolis has committed its commitment to dignity, belonging, language access, equitable access to City services, meaningful community engagement, and opportunities for Latine residents to be heard and to participate in shaping the future of their city; and
- Whereas: During Latino Heritage Month, the City of Minneapolis reaffirms the commitment to embrace and celebrate this courageous community of residents, workers, taxpayers, neighbors and families. We know that a welcoming and inclusive Minneapolis, where all residents, regardless of background or country of origin, can contribute their talents, access services, resources and information, and achieve their highest potential makes us a stronger city. *Hoy reconocemos y agradecemos a los miembros de nuestra comunidad, con raíces en Latinoamérica, quienes han hecho y continúan haciendo de Minneapolis la luz brillante de nuestro estado, nuestra nación y alrededor del mundo.* Today, we recognize and thank community members with roots in Latin America, who have made and continue to make Minneapolis a shining light in our state, in our nation, and around the world;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council of Minneapolis commemorate Latino Heritage Month 2026 and honor the generations of Latine residents and community leaders who have supported one another during times of uncertainty. We invite everyone in Minneapolis to contribute to these commitments daily beyond the celebration period.

Passed this the Seventeenth Day of September 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk