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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 Recognizing September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> as Latine Heritage Month in  
7 Milwaukee County by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American  
8 citizens whose ancestors came from Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South  
9 America

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12 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s vision is “By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee  
13 is the healthiest county in Wisconsin”; and

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15 WHEREAS, September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> is National Hispanic Heritage Month,  
16 honoring and recognizing America’s rich cultural history with Hispanic people groups;  
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19 WHEREAS, many Latin American countries celebrate their independence during  
20 September and October, including Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Chile, El Salvador,  
21 Nicaragua, and Costa Rica, all of which include immigrants within the United States and  
22 Milwaukee County; and

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24 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County strives to promote a responsive and inclusive  
25 community, as such, the word “Latine” is being used as a synonym to “Latinx”, providing  
26 a gender-neutral and inclusive alternative to the term “Latino/a”; and

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28 WHEREAS, approximately 16.4% of Milwaukee County’s residents identify as  
29 Latine, representing a significant source of culture and diversity within the County; and

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31 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County recognizes various months of the year as a  
32 special month including flags and cultural events, providing an opportunity for the Latine  
33 community to be recognized and included; and

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35 WHEREAS, Latine residents contribute to Milwaukee County’s local economy,  
36 working in various jobs and attending schools to better the County’s present and future;  
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39 WHEREAS, as the result of decades of systemic racism, barriers, and inequality,  
40 Milwaukee County’s Latine community faces disproportionate opportunities in  
41 employment and education; and

42           WHEREAS, declaring September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> as Latine Heritage  
43 Month in Milwaukee County would formally recognize the integral role of Latine  
44 residents and their heritage in our economy, culture and identity as a community; and

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46           WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic  
47 Planning, at its meeting of September 6, 2023, recommended adoption of File No.  
48 23-773 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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50           BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
51 recognizes September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> as Latine Heritage Month, and  
52 celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose  
53 ancestors came from Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

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