

# LETTER CITY OF SAVANNAH GEORGIA



## Resolution

**WHEREAS:** On September 17, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the National Hispanic Heritage Week Bill, which authorized the President to designate the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> as "National Hispanic Heritage Week," which was first observed in 1968; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1988, President Ronald W. Reagan signed into law the creation of National Heritage Month. U.S. Representative Esteban Torres, a proponent of the bill, noted that "we want the public to know that we share a legacy with the rest of the country, a legacy that includes artists, writers, Olympic champions, and leaders in business, government, cinema, and science;" and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Savannah, GA honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of those who currently serve our communities here in Savannah; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Savannah, GA recognizes the efforts of the Hispanic Outreach Leadership and Advocacy (HOLA) taskforce to engage and involve the Hispanic community through education and making resources available; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Savannah, GA in its continued effort for equity and diversity, remains dedicated to providing resources for Spanish-speaking communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor of the City of Savannah, GA on behalf of the Savannah City Council do hereby recognize and salute:**

**"NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"**

*In honor of Savannah's Hispanic and Latino community and encourage all Savannahians to enjoy, embrace and learn about the rich history of our neighbors and friends Hispanic and Latino.*



**An Address** *whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.*  
This 8<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2002

  
MAYOR

  
Clerk of Council

ATTEST