



Resolution: 22-23 RS IV: Hispanic Heritage Month 2022

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month begins on the 15th of September and ends on the 15th of October; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida Student Government Association acknowledges and appreciates Hispanic Heritage Month and has done so in the past by passing resolutions in the 52nd and 53rd Senate and displaying a Hispanic Heritage Month banner in the Commons for the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida in accordance with the Student Government Association is responsible for inclusivity for all students of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, according to UWF's Diversity Plan, diversity is defined as "the various attributes we each possess based on characteristics from birth, experience[s] we have had, and decisions we have made" and inclusion is defined as "acknowledging and leveraging diversity by creating an environment where students, faculty and staff feel accepted, and valued"; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida plans to achieve diversity and inclusivity by following strategies and a timeline that will help them complete five diversity goals; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida enrolled 1,954 Hispanic students during the Fall semester of 2022, representing 11.64% of total student population; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the third highest hispanic population in the country and the enrollment of hispanic students has steadily increased at the University of West Florida over the past five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Student Government Association recognizes the impact of Hispanic culture in America and the University of West Florida Student Government shall continue to appreciate Hispanic culture and contributions to society.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Student Government Associations supports students of hispanic heritage and will continue to celebrate their presence on campus.

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