

STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

***I Hereby Certify, that at a Session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2011, a Resolution was adopted, of which the following is a True Copy:***

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15th through October 15th, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the national observance started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration to include an entire month; and

WHEREAS, September 15th was selected as the start of the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua each declared independence in 1821; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have lived in Erie County since the late 1800s, immigrating here from Mexico, Cuba, South and Central America and the Caribbean; and

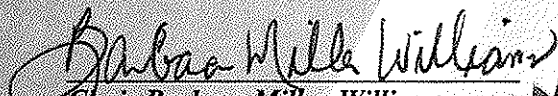
WHEREAS, the Hispanic community in Buffalo and Erie County is a vibrant, active community with many celebrations year-round featuring Latin culture; and


WHEREAS, in Erie County the 2011 Hispanic Heritage Month will officially kick-off at the Buffalo & Erie County Library, in downtown Buffalo on Wednesday, September 15th; and

WHEREAS, other events during the month include the Hispanic Music Festival, Puerto Rican Day Parade, Hispanics United Heritage Dinner & Banquet as well as many other events throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Erie County does hereby Recognize Hispanic Heritage Month and Commends the many Celebrations of Hispanic Culture during the month by the Hispanic Community in Buffalo and Erie County.

  
Chair Barbara Miller-Williams  
Legislator, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

  
Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature

