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October 3, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to adopt resolution recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month.

Pursuant to your request of September 19, 2006, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

  
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Enclosure

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH RECOGNIZING HISPANIC  
5 HERITAGE MONTH  
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7 WHEREAS, from September 15, 2006, through October 15, 2006, the  
8 country celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month; and

9 WHEREAS, the presence of Hispanics on this continent predates the  
10 founding of our Nation, and, as among the first to settle in the New World, Hispanics  
11 and their descendants have had a profound and lasting influence on American history,  
12 values, and culture; and

13 WHEREAS, since the arrival of the earliest Spanish settlers more than  
14 400 years ago, millions of Hispanic men and women have come to the United States  
15 from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, El Salvador and other Caribbean regions, Central  
16 America, South America, and Spain, in search of freedom, peace, and opportunity; and

17 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed throughout the ages to  
18 the prosperity and culture of our nation; and

19 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau now lists Hispanic  
20 Americans as the largest ethnic minority within the United States; and

21 WHEREAS, the State of California is the state with the largest Hispanic  
22 population in the United States as reported in the 2000 U.S. Census, and that an  
23 estimated one-third of its total population is of Hispanic descent; and

24 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans comprise a plurality of the residents  
25 living in the City of Long Beach, contributing to our distinction as the most diverse city in  
26 the nation; and

27 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, honorably  
28 elected to serve as representatives to the local, state and federal levels of government;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans harbor a deep commitment to  
3 family and community, an enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves  
5 as follows:

6 Section 1. That the City of Long Beach:

7 A. Recognizes September 15, 2006, through October 15,  
8 2006, as Hispanic Heritage Month; and

9 B. Celebrates the vast contributions of Hispanic Americans  
10 to the strength and culture of our city, state, and nation; and

11 C. Encourages the residents of the City of Long Beach, the  
12 State, and the United States to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with  
13 appropriate programs and activities.

14 Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by  
15 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify to the vote adopting this resolution.

16 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
17 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006,  
18 by the following vote:

19 Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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21 \_\_\_\_\_

22 Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

23 \_\_\_\_\_

24 Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 City Clerk