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1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-06-0115

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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 October 3, 2006,
18 by the following vote:

19 Ayes: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, DeLong,
20 O'Donnell, Schipske, Richardson,
21 Reyes Uranga, Gabelich, Lerch.

22 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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24 Absent: Councilmembers: None.

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City Clerk