

RESOLUTION RE: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Chicago serves an ethnically diverse population of individuals from many different countries and racial backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the student population of the Chicago Public Schools is 38% Latino; and

WHEREAS, our Hispanic student population represents Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Guatemalan, and other Latin American heritages; and

WHEREAS, the countries of Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Spain celebrate independence days or national holidays between September 15 and October 15; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Hispanic descent have made contributions to the arts, education, literature, mathematics, science, and technology in this country and the world; and

WHEREAS, in every generation, our nation's Hispanic community has contributed to the advance of freedom abroad and to the defense of freedom at home through valiant service in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a resolution in 1968 designating a week officially recognizing the outstanding contributions Hispanics have made to our country, and in 1989, amended the resolution proclaiming September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month every year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO THAT:

1. The Board recognizes September 15, 2005 – October 15, 2005 as Hispanic Heritage Month; and
2. The CPS curriculum continue to include the contributions Hispanics have made to the city, state, and nation, and encourages students, parents, teachers, principals, and other staff of the Chicago Public Schools to have special activities during this month and school year.