

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 485**

Introduced by Mello, 5.

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989, and grew out of National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was created by a joint resolution of Congress in 1968 and annual proclamations by the President each year since; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 through October 15 and covers the independence days of Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua, and other cultural and historical holidays including Columbus Day, Día de la Raza (Day of the Race), and Día de Las Américas (Day of the Americas); and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration and commemoration of Latin-American and Hispanic history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community in Nebraska has made tremendous contributions in business, education, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic men and women play an integral role in American society, and it is vitally important that we honor and celebrate their contributions to our culture and to the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature designates September 15 through October 15, 2016, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the State of Nebraska.

2. That Nebraskans are encouraged to come together to recognize, commemorate, and celebrate the Hispanic men and women of Nebraska, past and present, who have worked tirelessly to overcome obstacles of language, culture, and tradition to positively impact American society and become an integral part of our local communities.

3. That Nebraskans are also encouraged to study Hispanic culture and history, recognize Hispanic contributions in their communities, and strive for appreciation and equality year-round in order to celebrate our past and brighten our future.