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7 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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15 To recognize Hispanic Heritage Month and the contributions the Hispanic community has
16 made to the District of Columbia.

17 WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration from September 15 to
18 October of the history and culture of the U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities, as well as a
19 commemoration of how those communities influenced and contributed to American society;

20 WHEREAS, the origins of Hispanic Heritage Month date back to California in the 1960s,
21 where Latino and Hispanic residents joined in multiple societal movements, including the civil
22 rights movement and the farm worker protection movement;

23 WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino communities, which make up approximately 11% of
24 the population of the District of Columbia, have contributed to the vibrant and diverse culture of
25 the District, including hosting performances at the GALA Hispanic Theater and providing cultural
26 programs throughout the city;

27 WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month also contains Fiesta DC, an annual celebration of
28 Latino heritage in the District. The event, which takes place just blocks from the White House,
29 includes a celebration of Latino food, culture, and a “Parade of the Nations”;

30 WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino businesses have also been critical to the business
31 environment of the District. Organizations such as the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of
32 Commerce help Hispanic and Latino businesses develop and thrive in the District;

33 WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino community members have made great public service
34 contributions in the District, including Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas and
35 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sonia Sotomayor; and
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37 WHEREAS, Hispanic multiculturalism, diversity, and leadership in the District has
38 contributed to a stronger, healthier District.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month and the contributions the Hispanic and Latino communities have made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.