

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 HOUSE  
5 RESOLUTION 1017

By: Stone

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   A Resolution proclaiming Wednesday, May 1, 2019, to  
10 be the third Hispanic Cultural Day in Oklahoma; and  
11 celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanics.

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13                   WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma celebrates the third annual  
14 Hispanic Cultural Day on May 1, 2019; and

15                   WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos identify their origin as the  
16 heritage, nationality group, lineage or country of birth of their  
17 parents or ancestors before their arrival into the United States;  
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19                   WHEREAS, Spanish-speaking countries are Argentina, Bolivia,  
20 Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El  
21 Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay,  
22 Peru, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;  
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1       WHEREAS, Hispanics have been a part of the geography and history  
2 of Oklahoma since the sixteenth century when the Spanish initially  
3 claimed Oklahoma, particularly the Oklahoma Panhandle; and

4       WHEREAS, in 1541, Spanish explorer Francisco Vazquez de Coronado  
5 led his army on their trek to conquer the Seven Cities of Cibola or  
6 Quivira (actual Cimarron County); and

7       WHEREAS, the majority population of Hispanics in Oklahoma are in  
8 the cities of Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Guymon; and

9       WHEREAS, Hispanics have migrated to the State of Oklahoma with  
10 hope for better lives than the ones they left behind; and

11       WHEREAS, the southern portion of Oklahoma City and adjacent  
12 metro areas consist of full Spanish-language billboard  
13 advertisements; and

14       WHEREAS, the influence of Hispanics in Oklahoma is a spontaneous  
15 result of the combination of their perseverance through hard times  
16 and the innate yearning to establish a sense of place.

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19       THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives hereby proclaims  
20 Wednesday, May 1, 2019, to be the third Hispanic Cultural Day in  
21 Oklahoma.

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1            THAT all Oklahomans celebrate the heritage and culture of  
2 Hispanics in Oklahoma and recognize the immense contributions of  
3 Hispanics to this state.

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