



# SMU Student Senate

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Senate Secretary: Hope Heiden

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Senate Speaker: Krish Madhura

## A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### WHEREAS

The Southern Methodist University 109th Student Senate fights for diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### WHEREAS

September 15<sup>th</sup> marked the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which celebrates the diverse cultures, extensive history, and contributions of individuals in the United States who are of Mexican, Caribbean, Central American, South American, and Spanish descent.

### ACKNOWLEDGING

That Hispanic Heritage Month, first proclaimed by President George H.W. Bush in 1989, recognizes the anniversaries of the independence of several Latin American countries and honors the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

### ACKNOWLEDGING

That the experiences of Hispanic and Latino Americans are often seen as a monolith, minimizing Black and Indigenous experiences and their contributions to the community.

### RECOGNIZING

That understanding and affirming Hispanic and Latino diversity in race, ethnicity, color, and culture is an important step to celebrating this community.

### RECOGNIZING

That the 109th Student Senate supports all members of the Hispanic/Latino community at SMU and aims to strengthen the sense of belonging for all Mustangs.



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**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** The 109<sup>th</sup> Student Senate recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month and its importance on the greater Hispanic/Latino community at SMU.

Respectfully Submitted,

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