

PROCLAMATION

2006 HISPANIC/LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latino Americans are the fastest growing ethnic community in Palm Beach County and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, intelligence, hard work and perseverance, Hispanics/Latinos have contributed immensely to the growth and stability of our region, helping to shape the character and future of this state; and

WHEREAS, the cultural, educational and political influences of Hispanics/Latinos in South Florida can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of our life, from farm-worker struggles for housing and equal wages to incredible and gifted artists, vibrant businesses, music and community festivals, Hispanics/Latinos continue to be crucial to the cultural, economic, and political growth of our region; and

WHEREAS, the Nation celebrates *National Hispanic Heritage Month*, recognizing Hispanic/Latino Americans for helping to shape national character and strengthen communities. The nation recognizes the vitality of the Hispanic/Latino culture as a great gift to America and a part of the unique fabric of our country as they have enriched the Nation through contributions in many professions and fields, including education, law, government, business, science, sports, and the arts. The Nation also recognizes Hispanic/Latino Americans who have served bravely in the United States Armed Forces, earning numerous Medals of Honor and other distinguished military decorations for their leadership, courage, and patriotism. Hispanic/Latino Americans continue this proud legacy today in our Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserve units and stand watch on the front lines of freedom. The hard work, values, and devotion to community of Hispanic/Latino Americans set a positive example for all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent and the School Board of Palm Beach County do hereby declare September 15 – October 15, 2006, as Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month and showcase the unique diversity of the Hispanic culture and contributions.

Done this 20th day of September, two thousand six, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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