**Vanderbilt Student Government**

Resolution on Hispanic Heritage Month

Resolution S: 19-20-4

Proposed by: Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) President Ana Torres, Academic Affairs Committee Chair and ALAS Board Member Nicolas Gardner-Serna, Speaker of the Senate Sean Swinford

Cosponsored by: President Frances Burton, Vice President Veer Shah, Chief of Staff Julianna Hernandez, Branscomb Senator Hannah Bruns, Towers I&II Senator Alejandro Monzon, Towers I&II Senator Minnie Mangafas, Economic Inclusivity Committee Chair Adriel Bineza, Campus Life Committee Chair Callen DiGiovanni, Community Building, International Outreach, and Diversity Committee Chair Esther Yoon, Residential Colleges and Student Spaces Committee Chair Diya Mathur, Student Health and Wellness Committee Chair Gege Clements, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair Andrew Harwell, Executive Steering Committee Chair Anahita Koshnoud, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Committee Chair Kit McGean, Campus Resources Committee Chair Loveis Jackson

**We, the elected representatives of the Vanderbilt Student Body, hereby enact the following:**

**WHEREAS,** the United States Government has declaredthe one month between September 15th and October 15th to be known and celebrated as Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

**WHEREAS,** Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and acknowledges the past and continued contributions of the Latinx community to the history, culture and growth of the United States: and,

**WHEREAS,** Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the national independence days of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and Chile as well as National ‘Dia de la Raza’ on October 12th; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Latinx Community has enriched and positively impacted the political, social, economic and cultural development of the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, 9.9% of the Vanderbilt Undergraduate population identifies as Latinx; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Latinx community at Vanderbilt has similarly enriched the campus community and positively contributed to its growth and development; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the Vanderbilt Student Government joins the United States Government, the State of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University in recognizing September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Vanderbilt Student Government celebrates the numerous and significant contributions of Latinx students, faculty and staff in making our campus community richer, stronger and more vibrant; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Vanderbilt Student Government calls upon the Vanderbilt community to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with the appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.

 Signed by the Speaker of the Senate, Signed by the Student Body President,

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 Speaker Sean Swinford President Frances Burton