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SENATE RESOLUTION 25-012

101 **CONCERNING COMMEMORATING CINCO DE MAYO.**

1 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo marks El Dia de la Batalla de Puebla,
2 the Mexican forces' unlikely victory over the Second French Empire
3 forces -- the largest military force during this time -- under the leadership
4 of General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguin on May 5, 1862, a day that has come
5 to represent pride, unity, and resilience for Mexican Americans,
6 Hispanos, Chicanos, and Latinos in the United States. As we celebrate
7 Cinco de Mayo, we recognize the contributions of Mexican Americans,
8 Hispanos, Chicanos, and Latinos to our state's community and culture,
9 economy, arts and entertainment, politics, and advocacy for marginalized
10 communities and communities of color; and

11 WHEREAS, We recognize that much of the modern-day state of
12 Colorado was once part of Mexico and became part of the United States
13 with the ratification of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and we
14 recognize Hispano women like Teresita Sandoval, Rumalda Luna Boggs,
15 and Maria Josefa Jaramillo Carson and Hispano men such as Casimiro
16 Barela and Felipe Baca in the founding of Colorado and their fight to
17 ensure that the rights of Hispanos and Mexican Americans would be
18 recognized in this new state; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mexican Americans, Hispanos, Chicanos, and
2 Latinos helped create the state of Colorado, including through agriculture
3 and industry, from the sheep herds and cattle ranches of the San Luis
4 Valley, to the braceros working in sugar beet fields, chile growers, and
5 also coal miners and mill workers, military and war heroes like Joe P.
6 Martinez, Pete Jimenez, and Col. Louis Mendez. We recognize
7 community builders like Celedonio Mondragón, founder of La Sociedad
8 Protección Mutua de Trabajadores Unidos (SPMDTU), which is the
9 oldest Latino civil rights organization in the country, and Doña Bernarda
10 Mejia Velasquez, an army medic and midwife who delivered 3,000
11 children; and

12 WHEREAS, Mexican Americans, Hispanos, Chicanos, and
13 Latinos have played a pivotal role in social justice movements for
14 equality, and we recognize the work of community leaders Frank Anaya,
15 Sam Sandos, Paco Sanchez, Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales, Polly Baca,
16 Richard Castro, Betty Benavidez, and Federico Peña in their fight to
17 ensure equal protection, equal treatment, and equal opportunity for the
18 diverse communities of Colorado. It is thanks to the groundwork laid by
19 organizations such as the Good Americans Organization, United Farm
20 Workers, Madres del Movimiento, Crusade for Justice, and West Side
21 Coalition that a strong Latino/Chicano movement continues to thrive and
22 grow in Colorado; and

23 WHEREAS, Many Coloradans of Mexican American, Hispano,
24 Chicano, and Latino descent also identify with their indigenous roots and
25 recognize the importance of lifting up the indigenous community, and we
26 therefore acknowledge that the 5th of May is also the National Day of
27 Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; and

28 WHEREAS, As undocumented immigrants come under attack by
29 the current administration, we resolve to continue to fight for the civil
30 rights of all residents of Colorado and remain adamant that the history
31 and contributions of our people will not be erased or rewritten. We are
32 proud of the strong ties we continue to forge with Mexico and recognize
33 the work of the Mexican Consulate of Denver; now, therefore,

34 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
35 *of the State of Colorado:*

36 That we pay tribute to the sacrifices and struggles of the Mexican
37 American, Hispano, and Chicano people who face discrimination and

1 adversity and remain vigilant in our efforts to combat all forms of
2 discrimination and ensure that every person is treated with dignity and
3 respect; and

4 That we proudly celebrate and commemorate Cinco de Mayo, a
5 day of cultural significance for Mexican American, Hispano, Chicano,
6 and Latino communities.

7 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to
8 the Mexican Consulate of Denver, SPMDTU, the Colorado Latino
9 Leadership, Advocacy, and Research Organization (CLLARO), Servicios
10 de la Raza, and History Colorado.