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**University of Central Florida
Fifty-Sixth Student Body Senate
Proclamation 56-12**

[Proclamation recognizing September 15th, 2024 through October 15th, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month]

WHEREAS, Senate Rule 2.04(G)(1) states that the Student Body Advocacy (SBA) Committee shall pass measures advocating on behalf of the student body regarding student and university affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF);
WHEREAS, Senate Rule 5.01(D)(1) states that Proclamations are defined as measures recognizing, celebrating, or condemning extraordinary events, organizations, or individuals on behalf of all Student Government Agents;
WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month began as a week-long celebration in 1968 under president Lyndon B. Johnson;
WHEREAS, President Reagan expanded it to a month in 1988 to have more time to celebrate Hispanic/Latino achievements;
WHEREAS, The dates chosen are significant as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua celebrate their independence day on September 15th;
WHEREAS, Followed by Mexico on the 16th, Chile on the 18th, and Belize on the 21st;
WHEREAS, As of 2024, there are 65.62 million Hispanic/Latino individuals in the United States, making up 19.5% of the population;
WHEREAS, This makes Hispanics/Latinos the largest ethnic or racial group in the United States;
WHEREAS, In Florida, Hispanic/Latino individuals are the second largest ethnic/racial group at 26%;
WHEREAS, History has seen millions of Hispanic/Latino individuals move to the United States, more specifically Florida, for a better life;
WHEREAS, Immigrants and descendants of immigrants have added to the culture, economy, and overall wellbeing of the state of Florida;
WHEREAS, The University of Central Florida prides itself on its Hispanic/Latino student population, with 29.2% of students being Hispanic/Latino in 2023;
WHEREAS, UCF received the Seal of Excelencia in 2021, and through the office of Hispanic Serving Institutions Initiative provides Hispanic/Latino focused career development programs such as Latinx Leadership, CREAR Futuros, and Nuestra Celebracion; and
WHEREAS, UCF is committed to highlighting the diversity and excellence of their students, through acknowledging the contributions made by the Hispanic/Latino community on campus and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that from September 15th, 2024 through October 15th, 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month will be recognized and celebrated and that we fully support any efforts or events happening on campus towards educating people on the history and significance of Hispanic Heritage Month; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Proclamation be sent to President Alexander Cartwright, Vice President for Access and Community Engagement Andrea Guzmán, Office of Student Involvement Associate Director Chantel Carter, Civil Discourse & Engagement Director Haley G. Winston, Assistant Vice President of Community Support Edwanna Andrews, Senior Director of HSI Initiatives Cyndia Morales Muñiz, Assistant Director of Student Success and Well-Being Josefina Rosario, Coordinator for the Multicultural Student Center Kaelyn Hamilton, Director of CREAR Futuros, President of the Diversified Greek Council Monica Rivera, Sigma Lambda Beta Inc., Gamma Gamma Chapter, Lambda Theta Phi Inc., Alpha Alpha Chapter, Chi Upsilon Sigma Inc., Alpha Xi Chapter, Lambda Theta Alpha Inc., Beta Theta Chapter, LMSA UCF, ALPFA UCF, SHPE UCF, Argentinian Student Association, Chilean Student Association, Colombian Student Association, Cuban-American Student Association, Dominican Student Association, Ecuadorian Student Association, Mexican Student Association, Peruvian Student Association, Puerto Rican Student Association, and Venezuelan Student Association.

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