

**NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
RESOLUTION OF OCTOBER 9, 2007**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is the home of people whose combined ancestry links to hundreds of nations and represents more than 106 different languages; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey takes great pride in its cultural diversity, and the Hispanic-American community plays an important role in that diversity; and

WHEREAS, New Jerseyans of Hispanic heritage have made and continue to make immeasurable contributions to the social and economic life of the Garden State through the incorporation of their rich spiritual and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey celebrated Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month from September 15, 2006 to October 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Civil Rights serves all the people of New Jersey, including those born in Latin America or who are otherwise of Latin or Hispanic descent; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to the valuable contributions made by our Hispanic community through civic celebration and formal recognition of these rights and privileges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights, that we hereby officially recognize September 15 through October 15, 2007 as 2007 Hispanic Heritage Month at the Division on Civil Rights.