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Senate Resolution 22.27

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate congratulating Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Hispanic-Serving Institution Committee, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, and supporting departments for a well-executed program of both in-person and virtual Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations.)

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education officially recognized TTUHSC as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) in February 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the President's Cabinet approved the TTUHSC HSI Committee Charter in June 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the TTUHSC HSI Committee mission is to “strengthen the sense of community among all identity populations through the creation and enhancement of initiatives aimed towards serving and intentionally uplifting the Hispanic community and historically marginalized populations across the board;” and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC observed National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 with accessible and engaging events across all TTUHSC campuses, providing in-person and virtual participation in collaboration with local communities; and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, HSI Committee, HHM Committee, and supporting departments collaborated to offer culturally enriching programs that celebrate diversity during Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations honored, advocated, educated, and cultivated a climate of affirmation, celebration, and awareness of the Hispanic/Latina/Latino/Latinx learners and team members across TTUHSC; and,

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations provided the TTUHSC community an opportunity to understand research and mental health in the Hispanic community as well as cultural responsiveness in curriculum design; and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC works to diversify our faculty to promote inclusion and enhance cultural experiences in our coursework; and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC continues to educate all students of the importance and benefits of learning together in a diverse environment; and,

WHEREAS, TTUHSC empowers all students, faculty, and staff to express their culture with fellow colleagues, leading to a more diverse TTUHSC community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center congratulates the TTUHSC Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Hispanic-Serving Institution Committee, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, and supporting departments on their successful, insightful, and educational month full of programs that not only taught various aspects of Hispanic Heritage but also celebrated the honor of being a Hispanic-Serving Institution; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon to **Lori-Rice Spearman Ph.D.**, President of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **Darrin D’Agostino, D.O., MPH, MBA**, Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and Hispanic-Serving Institution Committee Co-Chair; **Jody Randall, Ph.D.**, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Hispanic-Serving Institution Committee Co-Chair; **Matt Hernandez, M.Ed.**, Director of Institutional Diversity and Hispanic-Serving Institution Committee Working Group Facilitator; **Keri Shiptlet, M.S.**, Director of Student Life; **Michelle Ensminger**, Senior Director of the Office of Global Health; **Jessica Blume, M.S., CCC-SLP**, Assistant Director of the Office of Global Health; **Arianna Flores**, Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Toreador*; and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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