

**PROCLAMATION BY THE KENT COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Festival is a three-day event in Grand Rapids embracing the rich cultures and traditions of the Latin and Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the festival is to inspire, educate, and celebrate West Michigan's Hispanic roots, while bringing together the communities, businesses, and local organizations of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Latin and Hispanic communities have played a distinguished role in the history of Kent County, making up eleven percent of our population, and have contributed to the greatness, diversity, and strength of our State and of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Commissioner Robert S. Womack, and Board Chair Mandy Bolter, on behalf of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, hereby salute and commend the Hispanic Festival team and the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan for organizing and producing this vibrant and welcoming annual festival; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents from Kent County and beyond are encouraged to experience the events during the Hispanic Festival and participate in its entertainment, activities, and food reflecting many aspects of our diverse community.



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Mandy Bolter, Chair  
Kent County Board of Commissioners

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Robert S. Womack  
Commissioner, District 17