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City of Mississauga

A motion to proclaim April 23rd as Spanish Language Day in the City of Mississauga

WHEREAS, City of Mississauga proclamations are official statements by Council recognizing causes, events, and commemorations of significance that contribute to the city's cultural diversity and public good;

AND WHEREAS, Canada Habla Español (CANHE) is a registered federal non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the Spanish language and supporting the growth and visibility of Spanish-speaking communities across Canada through cultural, educational, and community engagement initiatives;

AND WHEREAS, CANHE's proclamation request is supported by a coalition of local Mississauga organizations, including the Canadian Latin Heritage Association, Mississauga Players, Hispanic Canadian Arts and Cultural Association, Grupo ALCE, Hispanic Women's Network, and Latinas Leaders, all of which contribute meaningfully to the cultural, artistic, and social landscape of the city;

AND WHEREAS, April 23rd is designated by the United Nations as Spanish Language Day, recognizing the importance of multilingualism and celebrating the history, culture, and global contributions of Spanish-speaking communities;

AND WHEREAS, the City of Mississauga is home to thousands of residents who identify as Latin American, representing one of the largest Hispanic communities in Ontario, whose contributions enrich the city through vibrant businesses, arts, festivals, and community leadership;

AND WHEREAS, recognizing Spanish Language Day celebrates linguistic heritage while promoting inclusion, cross-cultural understanding, and belonging, and affirms the City of Mississauga's commitment to a diverse, inclusive, globally connected community that values multilingualism and cultural expression;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Mississauga hereby proclaims April 23rd as Spanish Language Day annually, in recognition of the contributions of Spanish-speaking communities and the importance of multilingualism.
2. This proclamation be recognized through appropriate civic acknowledgements.