



RESOLUTION 1516-120

TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: Ben Poy and Christopher Ortega
DATE: March 16th, 2016
SUBJECT: Recognizing Latino Heritage Month

Action Requested

We request that the SUNY Student Assembly recognize “Latino Heritage Month” as the more inclusive and proper terminology to be used when celebrating Latino culture in the State University of New York System and that we will support any efforts made by students to expand this resolution to the New York State and the United States of America

Resolution

Whereas the United States celebrates “Hispanic Heritage Month” from September 15, 2015, through October 15, 2015; and

Whereas the term Hispanic is mainly connected to language and isn’t inclusive of the millions of Latinos who don’t speak Spanish or have ancestry originating from the Iberian Peninsula; and

Whereas the term Latino is inclusive of both individuals who identify as Hispanic and/or Latino; and

Whereas the term Latino refers to geography (Latin America), a person who hails from the Caribbean, South America and/or Central America; and

Whereas The Office of Intercultural Student Engagement at SUNY Albany is in support of the change from “Hispanic” to “Latino” and have been using the title Latino Heritage Month to designate this month of recognition for the last eleven years; and

Whereas The Department of Latin American, Caribbean and US Latino Studies at SUNY Albany supports and recognizes “Latino Heritage Month” as the proper terminology to celebrate Latino culture; and

Therefore be it resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly recognize “Latino Heritage Month” as the more inclusive and proper terminology to be used when celebrating Latino culture in the State University of New York System and that we will support any efforts made by students to expand this resolution to the New York State and the United States of America as a whole and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all New York State Senators, the University at Albany President, Dr. Robert Jones and also to the office of the State Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.