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| **S.1516-042R** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** October 14, 2015 |
| **SPONSORED BY:** Sen. Poy, Sen. C. Ortega | **COMMITTEE:** N/A |
| **SUBJECT:** Latino Heritage Month Resolution | **COMMITTEE VOTE:** N/A |
| **SENATE VOTE:** Unanimous Consent | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** Pass |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

Recognizing Latino Heritage Month as the more inclusive terminology when celebrating the heritage and culture of Latinos at the University at Albany and the immense contributions of Latinos to the United States.

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

WHEREAS, the term Hispanic is 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, Fuerza Latina is the largest student group on campus; and

WHEREAS, 1,649 (9% of the Undergraduate population) of our students identify as Latino/Hispanic (which has most likely increased); and

WHEREAS, 58% attend campus events, which represents the highest number of any group; and

WHEREAS, 66% are reported to having student group membership; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Intercultural Student Engagement 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 UAlbany LACs department, & the EOP program are in support of this initiative; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Association recognize Latino Heritage Month as the more inclusive and proper terminology to be used when celebrating Latino culture at the University at Albany and that we will support any efforts made by students to expand this resolution to the SUNY System, New York State, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all New York State Senators, U.S. Representative Paul Tonko, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the President of the United States Barack Obama, the University at Albany President, Dr. Robert J. Jones, and also to the office of the State Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.

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| *Jarius I. Jemmott*, *President* |