

House Resolution 1161

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 5, 2026, as Latino Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Georgia is home to more than one million residents of Latin American heritage,  
3 whose families are deeply rooted in the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the state and  
4 whose contributions are essential to Georgia's prosperity and growth; and

5 WHEREAS, Latino families in Georgia are predominantly composed of immigrant parents  
6 who contribute their talent, labor, and entrepreneurial spirit at higher workforce participation  
7 rates than any other demographic group, strengthening Georgia's economy across urban and  
8 rural communities alike; and

9 WHEREAS, Latino workers are over represented in the agricultural, construction,  
10 manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality, and retail sectors, playing an indispensable role in  
11 sustaining a stable and affordable food, supply for all communities, caring for our loved  
12 ones, building and maintaining our homes and supporting food and beverage establishments  
13 among other sectors and driving the state's competitiveness in an increasingly global  
14 economy; and

15 WHEREAS, over 90 percent of Latino children in Georgia are US born citizens and are  
16 almost 1 in 5 of every children in Pre-K-12, underscoring Latinos integral role in shaping  
17 Georgia's future and a driver of Georgia's workforce and long term economic sustainability  
18 with greater concentrations in School Districts in Dalton (72 percent) Gainesville (62  
19 percent), Hall (50 percent), Echols (46 percent), Gwinnett (35 percent), and Dekalb (21  
20 percent); and

21 WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs are community providers and continue to strive for  
22 self-sufficiency across Georgia, generating jobs, revitalizing local economies, and reflecting  
23 sustained investment in the state's future; and

24 WHEREAS, the success and well-being of American children are directly tied to Georgia's  
25 ability to compete in a global economy that depends on education, innovation, multilingual  
26 capacity, and cultural fluency; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia's Latino community is rich, diverse and ready to continue building our  
28 state across all sectors, industries including the state's creative economy through cultural  
29 leaders, performers, and artists of all kinds; and

30 WHEREAS, Latino civic participation continues to grow, with Latino voters among the  
31 fastest-growing segments of the electorate in Georgia, reflecting increasing engagement in  
32 the democratic process and commitment to the state's future; and

33 WHEREAS, the continued growth of Latino families will shape Georgia's economic  
34 strength, cultural vitality, and global relevance for generations to come.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body recognize February 5, 2026, as Latino Day at the state capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
39 public and the press.