

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE**

RESOLUTION NO. R16-725

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A HISPANIC COMMUNITY EVENT

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with being fiscally responsible concerning the use and expenditure of all public funds;

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(b)(41) of the City Charter, the City is vested with certain broad powers "to exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities necessary or desirable to promote or protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;"

WHEREAS, Section 1.12(b) of the City Charter states that "the powers of this city shall be construed liberally in favor of the city. The specific mention or failure to mention particular powers shall not be construed as limiting in any way the powers of this city;"

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

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States at over 54,000,000 people, making Hispanic Americans 17 percent of the population of the United States and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Latino population in the United States is projected to grow to 128,800,000 by 2060, at which point the Latino population will comprise 31 percent of the total United States population;

WHEREAS, the Latino population in the United States is currently the second largest worldwide, exceeding the size of the Latino population in every country except Mexico;

WHEREAS, approximately 10 percent of the population of the City of Stockbridge is Hispanic and Latino;

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to society;

WHEREAS, the City desires to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Hispanic and Latino community;

WHEREAS, the City specifically finds that a proposed Hispanic community event within the City of Stockbridge would promote and protect the safety, health, peace, security, good order, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that a Hispanic community event is in the best interest of the City and its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. **Authorization** – The Mayor and Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby authorizes the inclusion of a Hispanic community program as part of BridgeFest 2016. The City staff is hereby authorized to work with appropriate community members for this effort. Should additional funding be necessary, the Council will consider an appropriate budget amendment for the current fiscal year.

Section 2. **Documents** – The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 3. **Severability** - To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its adoption by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

[SIGNATURES APPEAR ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

SO RESOLVED, this the 9th day of May, 2016.

CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA

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VANESSA, HOLIDAY CITY CLERK

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