



## STATE of MINNESOTA

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- WHEREAS: Hispanic Americans are the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States; and
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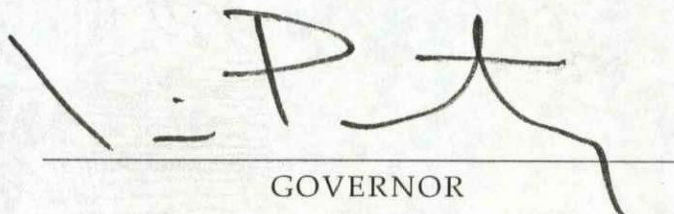
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## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the State the one hundred forty-fifth.

  
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