

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE RESOLUTION 673**

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Sponsors:     Senator Pate.

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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April 20, 2011

1    A SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS TO  
2    CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO.

3           Whereas, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is considered and remembered as a  
4    significant date in the history of Mexico because it recognizes the courage of the Mexican  
5    people who defeated a better trained and better equipped French Army at the "Batalla de  
6    Puebla" on May 5, 1862; and

7           Whereas, Cinco de Mayo serves as an important reason for many North Carolinians  
8    of Mexican ancestry to celebrate a holiday in appreciation of its cultural significance (victory in  
9    the face of great odds); and

10          Whereas, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on the courage and  
11    achievements not only of the Mexican forces at Puebla, but also on the courage and  
12    achievements of North Carolinians of Mexican ancestry; and

13          Whereas, Mexicans, Hispanics, and Latinos have contributed to our State through a  
14    broad spectrum of cultural expressions, including music, food, dance, faith, and family unity;  
15    and

16          Whereas, according to the 2010 Census, 50.5 million Hispanics accounted for  
17    16.3% of the total population in the United States; and

18          Whereas, the 2010 Census also revealed that North Carolina's Hispanic population  
19    increased by 110%; and

20          Whereas, North Carolina is one of five states in the United States with the largest  
21    growth in the percentage of Hispanic populations; and

22          Whereas, many Hispanics and Latinos in North Carolina, particularly small business  
23    entrepreneurs, represent one of the fastest growing groups of business owners in our economy;  
24    and

25          Whereas, North Carolina benefits from a vibrant Hispanic and Latino community  
26    that plays an integral role in the enrichment of our society and growth of our economy; and

27          Whereas, it is our desire to recognize all of North Carolina's ethnic groups along  
28    with their contributions and dedication to the economies of North Carolina and the United  
29    States; Now, therefore,

30    Be it resolved by the Senate:

31           **SECTION 1.** The Senate extends best wishes to the State's residents of Mexican,  
32    Hispanic, and Latino ancestry and urges all North Carolinians to join in celebrating Cinco de  
33    Mayo.

34           **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

