

BE IT HEREBY KNOWN AND PROCLAIMED

WHEREAS, the Hammond Hispanic Community Committee of Northern Indiana (HHCCNI), founded in 1993, has served as a vital force in advancing the quality of life for the Hispanic community through volunteerism, education, and access to essential resources; and

WHEREAS, HHCCNI promotes cultural pride, equality, and awareness while connecting families with programs in housing, job training, healthcare, and education to help build financial stability and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, the organization is led by an all-volunteer board including President Deborah Trevino, Treasurer Joe Alamillo, Vice President Jeramee Hicks and Secretary Linda Padilla, whose leadership has guided HHCCNI into a new era of growth and regional service; and

WHEREAS, HHCCNI's annual Latino Resource Fair, now in its 22nd year, provides over 350 attendees with access to more than 65 vendors and helps fund scholarships for local students; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, HHCCNI celebrated the 9th anniversary of its scholarship banquet, awarding a record \$32,000 to students across Northern Indiana, expanding its reach beyond Hammond to serve a growing Hispanic population in Lake County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, HHCCNI has remained committed to uplifting families, celebrating Hispanic heritage, and strengthening Northern Indiana through community collaboration and culturally grounded leadership;

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed,

that as Representatives of Lake County, we hereby congratulate and honor the

Hammond Hispanic Community Committee of Northern Indiana

for its exemplary service, leadership, and continued impact on the Hispanic community across Lake County and Northern Indiana.



Mike Andrade
State Representative
House District 12



Earl Harris Jr.
State Representative
House District 2



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State Representative
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