



NHMA Applauds Congressional Resolution to Designate October 1st as “National Latino and Latina Physician Day”

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Washington, DC — The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) applauds Congressman Raul Ruiz, MD (D-CA-25), Congresswoman Yadira Caraveo, MD (D-CO-08) and Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27) for introducing a House resolution, with Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) introducing a Senate resolution, to designate October 1st as “National Latino and Latina Physician Day” to recognize our Latino and Latina physicians providing health care to countless people each and every day across the country.

NHMA is a non-profit association representing the interests of 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. We are dedicated to empowering Hispanic physicians to be leaders who will help eliminate health disparities and improve the health of Hispanics in the United States.

The Hispanic population in the United States has reached 63.7 million, making it the nation’s largest racial or ethnic minority — 19.1% of the total population. Despite this growth, Latinos represent only 6% percent of the physician workforce.

We must build a physician workforce that expands the number of Hispanic physicians in the country, meets the needs of the U.S. population, and provides high-quality, patient-centered, affordable, and culturally and linguistically competent health care.

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About the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)

Established in 1994 in Washington, DC, NHMA is the premier non-profit membership association representing the interests of 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of NHMA is to empower Hispanic physician leaders to improve the health of Hispanics in the United States.