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ICC Recognizes Global Diversity Awareness Month and National Hispanic Heritage Month

At its October 14 meeting, the Illinois Commerce Commission took time to recognize Global Diversity Awareness Month and National Hispanic Heritage Month.

During the meeting's portion reserved for other business, Commissioner Sherina Maye applauded Commissioners John Rosales and Miguel del Valle for their participation in several Hispanic Heritage activities this month.

"The ICC has recently publicly expressed its commitment to increasing and supporting diversity awareness not only within our regulated utilities, but within our own agency," Commissioner Maye said. "With the creation of the Office of Diversity and Community Affairs in July, of which Danisha Hall serves as Director, we have cemented our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and community."

Commissioner Maye added that the Office of Diversity and Community Affairs is striving to build an internal agency culture where everyone feels welcome and that their opinions are valued and their voices are heard.

"These are all principles of diversity and inclusion that are key to any business or governmental agency's success," she said.

Since its inception, the ICC Office of Diversity and Community Affairs has worked to support diverse business owners and stakeholders, including the regulated public utilities.

"We often talk about diversity and inclusion as the right thing to do, and I strongly believe that it is, but embracing diversity and supporting those who are underrepresented has become much more than a conversation about doing the right thing," Commissioner Maye said. "Today, diversity and inclusion has become a business imperative and the agencies and companies who support it are winning in today's market."

This month, through Twitter and other outreach efforts, the ICC will continue to highlight and celebrate diversity.

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