

# IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2023

- WHEREAS,** NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF HISPANIC AMERICAN PEOPLE WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME FROM SPAIN, MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AMERICA AND SOUTH AMERICA. THIS RECOGNITION BEGAN IN 1968 WHEN PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON ISSUED A PROCLAMATION ANNUALLY DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN EXPANDED THE HONOR, PROCLAIMING THE FIRST HISPANIC MONTH IN 1988; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY A NATIONAL PUBLICATION AS THE “CITY OF THE FUTURE” EXEMPLIFYING THE POPULATION DIVERSITY OF THE TYPICAL AMERICAN CITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AND CULMINATING IN THE CITY’S DESIGNATION AS AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY IN 2007, IN PART, FOR ITS RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND DIVERSITY RELATED INITIATIVES FOCUSING ON COMMUNITY INCLUSIVENESS; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN 2020, THE U.S. CENSUS ADVISED THAT OVER 60,000 OR 40% OF HISPANIC AMERICANS CALL THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD THEIR HOMETOWN, WITH MANY HISPANIC AMERICANS OWNING NUMEROUS LOCAL BUSINESSES, NOTED CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CULTURAL FESTIVALS, AS WELL AS WORKING IN THE PUBLIC’S INTEREST AS EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD; AND
- WHEREAS,** HISPANIC AMERICANS HAVE HAD A PROFOUND AND POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON OUR COUNTRY THROUGH THEIR STRONG COMMITMENT TO FAMILY, FAITH, HARD WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. THEY HAVE ENRICHED AND SHAPED OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER WITH CENTURIES-OLD TRADITIONS THAT REFLECT THE MULTI-ETHNIC AND MULTI-CULTURAL CUSTOMS OF THEIR PROUD HISTORY; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH THEME FOR 2023 IS “LATINOS: DRIVING PROSPERITY, POWER, AND PROGRESS IN AMERICA”. NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH RECOGNIZES THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY RESIDENTS OF HISPANIC DESCENT TO ALL ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE, INCLUDING LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE, BUSINESS, THE ARTS, EDUCATION, CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS,** DURING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSE HISTORY SO THAT ALL CHILDREN CAN SEE THEMSELVES IN OUR NATION’S PAST AND KNOW THAT THEY HAVE A CRUCIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN ITS FUTURE; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15- OCTOBER 15, 2023, AS:

## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

SIGNED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER 2023,  
AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER  
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM  
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON  
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI  
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN  
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA