

PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15 AS  
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the contributions and importance of Hispanics and Latino/axs to the United States and those American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month was initially recognized as National Hispanic week and was signed into law in September of 1968 by President Johnson and in 1988, President Regan, upon passage of a senate bill officially expanded the week and declared an annual National Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have influenced and enriched our nation and society; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity each year to raise the visibility of not only the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success but to acknowledge the beauty of the cultural richness brought forth by all individuals of Hispanic Heritage; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month theme is “Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America.” and pays tribute to the immense economic and political strides Latinos have made in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The City of Davis has long supported diversity and inclusion efforts in general and with specific regard to Hispanic Heritage, established a sister city in Rutilio Grande in 1992, proclaimed Davis a Sanctuary city in 1986, and continues to raise visibility of Hispanic heritage through its Human Relations commission and Arts and Culture division.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Davis City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Davis, recognizes and observes National Hispanic Heritage month this year and every year hereafter and strongly encourages Davis public schools, businesses, organizations, and other public institutions to recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month through education, ceremonies, activities and programs.

September 19, 2023

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