

Hispanic Heritage Month

Whereas, September 15 through October 15 is nationally recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, and the City of Tulare recognizes that Hispanic heritage is American heritage, and we see that influence in almost every aspect of our lives; and

Whereas, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors come from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

Whereas, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize that Hispanic men and women have worked hard to create opportunities, overcoming barriers of language, culture, and tradition, and play an integral role in the progress and productivity of our communities; and

Whereas, the cultural, educational, and political influences of Hispanic residents in our communities can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of our life: from farm worker struggles for housing and equal wages, to incredible and gifted artists, to vibrant businesses, to music and community festivals; and

Whereas, the City of Tulare encourages residents to celebrate this year's National Hispanic Month's theme, "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation" by ensuring that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build a stronger city.

Now, therefore we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2022, as **Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Tulare.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2022

Dennis A. Mederos, Mayor Jury a Sayre

Terry A. Sayre, Vice Mayor

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