

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2019 AS LATINX HERITAGE MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Latinx Heritage Month, also recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month, is a time to recognize the significant contributions and achievements of Latinx Americans who serve as leaders in business, media, government, the military, law, education, science, athletics, the arts and humanities, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, Latinx Americans actively participate in our democratic institutions including serving as elected representatives in the U.S. Congress, governors, judges, county supervisors, mayors, city councilmembers, school board members, and other essential public offices; and

WHEREAS, Latinx residents have an important role in our local economy and workforce; and

WHEREAS, according to the Census, 45% of Santa Barbara County's population and 20% of the overall U.S. population is of Latinx origin, which contributes to our diverse heritage, traditions, and rich cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson and Congress first celebrated the contributions of Latinx Americans by officially proclaiming the Week of September 15 as Hispanic Heritage Week, and in 1988 it was expanded by President Ronald Reagan to its current month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara celebrates Latinx cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares September 15- October 15, 2019, as Latinx Heritage Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to celebrate Latinx heritage and recognize Latinx Americans as valued members and contributors to our society.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 15th day of October 2019.

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