



Village Manager's Office

SUBJECT: 2021 National Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition Proclamation

MEETING DATE: September 14, 2021

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BUDGET IMPACT: None

Recommended Motion

Proclamation designating the timeframe of September 15, 2021 to October 15, 2021 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the Village of Wilmette.

Background

The Village's Human Relations Commission has endorsed Village proclamations recognizing the celebration of various cultural groups including National Hispanic Heritage Month. As such, staff wanted to provide the Village Board with pertinent information regarding the history of this celebration.

The observation of National Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. National Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The period of September 15 to October 15 includes Independence Days for several Latin American countries and Día de la Raza on October 12, which recognizes the mixed Indigenous and European heritage of Mexico—the mestizo character of its population.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually in September and October to celebrate the contributions that members of the Hispanic community have made to American history, society, and culture.

In proclaiming National Hispanic Heritage Month, Wilmette residents are encouraged to learn more about the various Hispanic communities and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities. National Hispanic Heritage Month information and resources can be found at <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>.

Documents Attached

1. 2021 National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all residents deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and justice regardless of gender, age, race, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, or sensory ability; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Wilmette supports the rights of every individual to experience equality of treatment and values our diverse population of residents, businesses, and visitors, recognizing that this diversity is one of this community's greatest strengths; and,

WHEREAS, September 15 to October 15 is annually celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month to commemorate various Latin American Independence Days and honor the Hispanic community's long-term presence and struggle for equality across our nation; and,

WHEREAS, people of Hispanic Heritage now comprise over 3 percent of the Village's population, and have made valuable contributions to the growth of the United States and their local communities and it is critically important that we recognize their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to learn about the Hispanic community and to celebrate this month to recognize the contributions that Hispanic individuals have made to our society. Resources can be found at www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Senta Plunkett, Village President of Wilmette, Illinois, proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2021 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and call upon all people of Wilmette, Illinois, to learn more about various Hispanic communities and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated this 14th day of September 2021.

Senta Plunkett
Village President