

CITY OF FRESNO

Offices of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

*Councilmember Miguel Arias Councilmember Luis Chavez, and Council
President Nelson Esparza*

“Latino Heritage Month”

WHEREAS, Latino Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15th to October 15th to recognize the rich history, culture, and contributions made by Latino Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The commencement date of September 15th is significant because it marks the anniversary of national independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; followed by the independence of Mexico on September 16th, the independence of Chile on September 18th, and the independence of Belize on September 21st; and

WHEREAS, Latinos have made significant contributions to the United States and play an important role in the cultural, economic, and social fabric of the City of Fresno and our Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, Latinos are a majority of the City of Fresno’s population and comprise over 50% of the population in Fresno County; and the City of Fresno is home to several Hispanic-Serving Institutions of higher education including California State University – Fresno, Fresno Pacific University, and the State Center Community College District; and

WHEREAS, Latinos are essential workers and are the backbone of the Central Valley’s agricultural economy. Latinos make up the majority of farm workers that pick our produce and feed America and;

WHEREAS, This month we recognize and give thanks to our local Latino-serving community-based organizations who work tirelessly to advance the quality of life not just for Latinos, but all BIPOC communities across the City of Fresno.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council hereby proclaims September 15th to October 15th to be:

“Latino Heritage Month”

in the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 29th day of September 2022.

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

JERRY DYER, Honorable Mayor

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President, District 7

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember, District 5

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember, District 2

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President, District 4

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6