

Proclamation

National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021

WHEREAS, September 15 through October 15 is nationally recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, and the City of Redwood City 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 came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 through the legislative encouragement of Congressman Esteban Torres of California, to cover the period during which it is celebrated today; 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, in the words of famed Mexican designer, Marisol Peralta, “Your individuality is important, but so is belonging. Recognize the parts of your culture that have shaped your past, and the parts you want to carry with you into the future”; and

WHEREAS, as activist Dolores Huerta encouraged involvement, “We are needed. We have to be engaged and get ourselves elected to school boards and city councils. Si se puede!” and truly we have seen this locally many times over in the county, school boards, city councils, business community and influential activists all throughout our great community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos represent approximately 39% of Redwood City’s population, making it the second largest demographic in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2021 through October 15, 2021 “National Hispanic Heritage Month” in honor of the rich culture that Hispanic Americans have brought to the Redwood City community and in recognition of the indelible footprints of Latino heritage in our daily lives.

Date: September 27, 2021



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