

**RESOLUTION NO. 16176**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF THE MEXICAN NATIONAL FLAG FOR THE FIESTAS PATRIAS CELEBRATION IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Redwood City has adopted Administrative Policy No. 53 (the Flag Policy) that standardizes the manner in which the Flag of the United States of America, the Flag of the State of California, and other flags are to be displayed at Redwood City facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flag Policy authorizes the display of flags other than the Flag of the United States of America, the Flag of the State of California, or other flags (Non-Governmental Flags) upon approval by the City Council by adoption of a resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a resolution authorizing the display of a Non-Governmental Flag is an expression of the City Council's official sentiments; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing the display of a Non-Governmental Flag may be adopted in conjunction with official actions, ceremonial items, or proclamations of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has proclaimed September to be Hispanic Heritage Month, in recognition and support of the Latinx community; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council's official sentiment is that display of the Mexican National Flag, commonly associated with the Fiestas Patrias celebrated by the Latinx community, is an appropriate means of further recognizing and supporting the Latinx community as part of Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the 2023 proclamation of September as Hispanic Heritage Month, the City Council desires the display of the Mexican National Flag on September 17, 2023, for the Fiestas Patrias celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further desires the display of the Mexican National Flag every September for the Fiestas Patrias celebration, in conjunction with a proclamation declaring September to be Hispanic Heritage Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, are hereby incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth in their entirety, and constitute findings in this matter.

**Section 2.** The City Council authorizes the display of the Mexican National Flag on September 17, 2023, for the Fiestas Patrias celebration as an expression of its official sentiment of recognition and support for the Latinx community.

**Section 3.** The City Council further authorizes and directs the City Manager or their designee to display the Mexican National Flag during the Fiestas Patrias celebration every September in conjunction with a proclamation declaring September 15 through October 15 to be Hispanic Heritage Month, at such City facilities identified in the proclamation.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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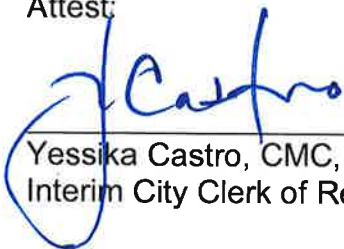
Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a  
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting  
thereof held on the 11th day of September 2023 by the following votes:

AYES: Aguirre, Eakin, Howard, Martinez Saballos, Sturken, Vice  
Mayor Espinoza-Garnica, and Mayor Gee  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
RECUSED: None



Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Yessika Castro, CMC, CPMC  
Interim City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this  
12<sup>th</sup> day September 2023.



Jeff Gee  
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

## ***National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15, 2023 – October 15, 2023***

***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***, 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 Latinx represent approximately 39% of Redwood City’s population, making it the second largest demographic in our community.

***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***, the Latino Community Council of Redwood City has organized an annual Fiestas Patrias event on the third Sunday of September since 2008 to celebrate the independence of Mexico and other Latin American nations; and

***WHEREAS***, the City of Redwood City holds other events to honor Hispanic Heritage Month, such as the exhibit of Folklorico dresses from many regions of Mexico that will be displayed in the Downtown Library from September 15 to October 15.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 “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 Latinx heritage in our daily lives.***

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Mexican National Flag will be displayed at Courthouse Square on Sunday, September 17 for the Fiestas Patrias celebration.

*Date: September 11, 2023*