



Proclamation

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 - October 15, 2023

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was extended by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15, and this was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402; 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 September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the spirit and accomplishments of Hispanic Americans everywhere including dedication of service in the American Armed Forces. These proud patriots have fought in every war since our founding, and many have earned the Medal of Honor for their courage.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2023, as **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in the City of Westminster and encourage all to participate in local events and to learn and experience the positive influences that have enriched our communities.

Signed and Dated this 13th day of September 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3