



PROCLAMATION

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH/MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA *LATINOS: DRIVING PROSPERITY, POWER, AND PROGRESS IN AMERICA*

September 15, 2023 to October 15, 2023

WHEREAS National Hispanic Heritage Month, known as *Mes de Herencia Hispana*, is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th each year. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, to cover the month at which it is celebrated today. Understanding that September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of the independence of Latin American countries *Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua*. In addition, *Mexico and Chile* celebrate their independence days on September 16th and 18th, respectively; and

WHEREAS Latinos are individuals who are descendants from Latin American countries and may speak a variety of different languages. Hispanics are individuals who speak Spanish and are descendants from Spanish-speaking countries, including Spain. Latinx is a gender-neutral or non-binary term for people of Latin American descent, and we recognize the Latinx identity also encompasses people in Black/African, Asian, Indigenous, and Queer communities; and

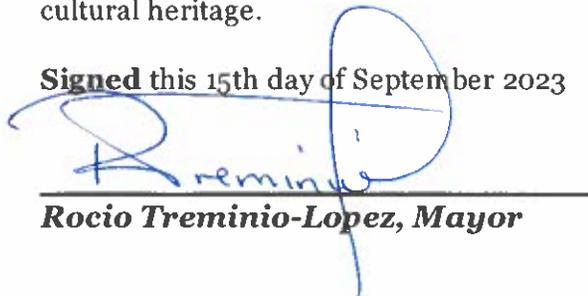
WHEREAS Hispanic Heritage Month uplifts a cultural legacy that shares values deeply rooted in rich traditions that harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and perseverance to succeed and contribute to society; and

WHEREAS the purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to create awareness of the contributions of people of Hispanic Heritage to the American culture. Many people of Hispanic Heritage serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, teachers, journalists, first responders, artists, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and more; and

WHEREAS brave Hispanics have served with distinction in military conflicts since the Revolutionary War and continue to defend our country today as members of the Armed Forces, bringing honor and earning the nation's gratitude for their service and sacrifice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Brentwood does hereby proclaim September 15, 2023, through October 15, 2023, as *Hispanic Heritage Month* in the Town of Brentwood. The Town of Brentwood encourages the community to celebrate collective progress shared with the Hispanic Community, learn by seeing the strength that derives from our diversity, and honor a shared spirit of self-determination, dignity, and respect for cultural heritage.

Signed this 15th day of September 2023


Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor



Thursday, September 15, 2023