



City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG

MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean have made to American society and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the observance began in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law and expanded to a month-long celebration under President Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and
- WHEREAS,** September 15 – October 15, recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, always starts on September 15, a historically significant day that marks the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. The designated period is also a nod to those from Mexico and Chile, which celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and
- WHEREAS,** Hispanic and Latino Americans serve as corporate, military, civic and clergy leaders, as educators, journalists, civil rights and community organizers and first responders, and as pioneers in art, science, medicine and so much more; and
- WHEREAS,** Hispanic and Latino Americans have shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the historical narrative of our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a significant and fast growing demographic of our nation, we honor the invaluable ways they contribute to a stronger, more inclusive and prosperous city of Charleston.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 as:

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Charleston to be affixed, this 15th day of September in the year of 2022.


John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

