

# Proclamation

The City of Clayton  
State of California

declaring

September 15 - October 15

as

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

**Whereas**, Hispanic Heritage Week was first proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968, as Presidential Proclamation 3869; and

**Whereas**, in 1988, the commemorative week was expanded to a month (September 15 to October 15) also by legislation and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan; and

**Whereas**, September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the commemoration as the anniversary of independence of five Hispanic countries: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, who all declared independence in 1821; and

**Whereas**, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21 respectively; and

**Whereas**, Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan gave annual proclamations for Hispanic Heritage Week between 1969 and 1988; and

**Whereas**, National Hispanic Heritage Month was first proclaimed by President George H. W. Bush on September 14, 1989, as Presidential Proclamation 6021; and

**Whereas**, since 1989, all Presidents have given a Presidential Proclamation to mark Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the many contributions of all Americans of Hispanic heritage; and

**Whereas**, the United States Census Bureau indicates nearly 11% of Clayton's inclusive population is Hispanic or Latino; and

**Whereas**, during Hispanic Heritage Month, the uniformed Armed Services of the United States commemorate the long-standing and remarkable contributions that Hispanics have made in building and defending our Nation; and

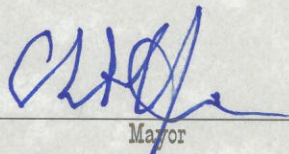
**Whereas**, Hispanic Americans' military service dates back to the Civil War; and

**Whereas**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time for the United States Military to honor both fallen and active duty Hispanic Americans' who served in the Armed Forces; and

**Whereas**, sixty-one people of Hispanic heritage have been awarded the Medal of Honor, two were presented to members of the Navy, 13 to members of the U.S. Marine Corps and 46 to members of the U.S. Army.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Carl Wolfe, Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Clayton City Council, proclaim September 15 to October 15, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Clayton, CA and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.



  
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Mayor

9-19-21  
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Date

