

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-077**

Proclaiming September 15 through October 15, 2024, as Hispanic and Latiné Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Multnomah County observes and recognizes “Mes de Nuestra Herencia Hispana / Latina,” also known as National “Hispanic and Latiné Heritage Month,” celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th. This annual celebration seeks to increase awareness of the many culturally diverse contributions that Hispanic, Latino, Latina, and Latiné communities have made and continue to make in our community.
- B. This year’s theme, “Raíces de Esperanza: Roots of Hope and Resilience,” invites us to dig deep into our cultural roots, celebrating the strength, perseverance, and boundless contributions of Hispanic and Latiné communities in driving the prosperity, power, and progress of Multnomah County and beyond.
- C. September 15 is significant as it marks the anniversary of independence for countries such as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, while Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16th and Chile on September 18th.
- D. During this “Mes de Nuestra Herencia Hispana,” there is much to recognize and celebrate. We honor our Familia, Culture, Tradition, and History, which have shaped us into the most diverse community. We are mestizos, somos del maíz, somos del sol; we are Black, Brown, Native Indigenous communities from many nations. Our differences are our strengths in unity, with over 400 different languages spoken. In Multnomah County alone, our growing population of 103,753 individuals proudly identifies as Latiné, Hispanic, Latinx, Salvadoreños, Mexicanos, Caribbeans, Central and South Americans — we are Americans!
- E. Con mucho orgullo, we recognize this month as "Herencia Hispana / Latina." We celebrate the countless contributions made to this country in areas such as business, workforce development, entrepreneurship, athletics, arts, entertainment, and science. We also uplift marginalized groups, including women, Black, and Indigenous Latiné leaders. We honor those who labor in agriculture under the most challenging conditions, ensuring that the families in our community are provided with basic needs. We recognize the leaders, teachers, advocates, and mission driven leaders dedicated to seeking social justice and equality for all.
- F. In recognition of Herencia Hispana / Latina, we recognize the contributions to build community and the great pride carried out in danzas, canciones, customs, and in the honoring of ancestors. The pride through the stories that are told year after year to keep history alive and pass on through generations, ensuring they are never forgotten.
- G. As we come together, we honor the countless ways in which Hispanic and Latiné communities have woven their stories into the fabric of our society, bringing color, passion, and a deep sense of comunidad. Yet, we also recognize the challenges that

remain and recommit ourselves to breaking down barriers and ensuring that every door of opportunity swings open for all. The Hispanic and Latiné communities in Multnomah County are a kaleidoscope of nationalities and backgrounds, each adding their unique flavor to our shared experience. From education to business, from non-profits to government, their impact is felt in every corner of our county. Our Hispanic and Latiné employees are the heartbeat of Multnomah County, leading with passion, dedication, and a spirit of service that uplifts us all. We celebrate their achievements, honor their hard work, and recognize the incredible legacy they are building.

- H. Hispanic and Latiné Heritage Month is a time for all of us to unite our voices, to recognize the essential role Hispanic and Latiné communities play in shaping the future of our county, our country, and our world. It's a time to celebrate Latinos, Latinas, and Latinés as leaders, creators, visionaries, and community builders. We commit to seeing, hearing, and valuing the contributions of our Hispanic and Latiné communities, acknowledging that they are the driving force behind our shared prosperity, power, and progress. We proudly celebrate Hispanic and Latiné Heritage Month, and we encourage every resident to join in the celebration, to honor the roots of hope and resilience that define our Hispanic and Latiné communities, and embrace the joy, culture, and unity that this vibrant month brings to us all.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

September 15 through October 15, 2024, as Hispanic and Latiné Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the many contributions of Latiné residents to the County and our community.

ADOPTED this 19th day of September, 2024.



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Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair

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