

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Alameda recognizes National Hispanic and Latino American Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

Whereas, Hispanic history plays a prominent role in American history and the history of cities like Alameda, which was established by the Spanish government in the 18th century and takes its name from the Spanish word for "tree-lined avenue;" and

Whereas, 60 million Latino Americans reside in the United States and 15 million of them live here in California, comprising the largest single ethnic group in both our state and the nation. The City of Alameda's population includes more than 9,000 Hispanic Americans, generations of whom helped shape our society, economy, culture, and values; and

Whereas, Latino Americans have contributed important advocacy work, leadership, service, vibrant art, and incredible foods that continue to enrich all facets of American life. Examples include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor; California's U.S. Senator Alex Padilla; U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary and former California Attorney General Xavier Becerra; United Farm Workers Organizing Committee leaders Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta; entertainers like Lin-Manuel Miranda and Rita Moreno; authors Isabel Allende and Junot Diaz; athletes including Olympian Jordan Chiles, and many more; and

Whereas, Latino Americans' efforts to overcome prejudice and discrimination, fight for farmworkers' and immigrants' rights, and access to healthcare, education and equal treatment under the law continue to this day; and

Whereas, many notable Hispanic Americans have contributed greatly to the life of our community, including California State Assembly Member and Alameda resident Mia Bonta, and Alameda Councilmember Trish Herrera Spencer who served as Alameda's first Hispanic American Mayor from 2014-2018.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim Sept. 15, through Oct. 15, 2024 as

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in the City of Alameda, and encourage all Alamedans to learn more about the beautiful and diverse history of Hispanic and Latino people at the Alameda Free Library where a variety of related books are on display, and by attending children's book author and illustrator Robert Liu-Trujillo's visit to Alameda's Main Library on Wednesday, September 18 at 3:30 PM.

You can also experience Hispanic culinary culture at one of Alameda's outstanding Latino restaurants, including Canasta Kitchen and Calafia Taqueria on Webster Street, and La Penca Azul and Cholita Linda on Park Street.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

