## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a wide range of nationalities and backgrounds, coming from Mexico, Central and South America and Spain, and are the nation's largest ethnic minority, representing approximately 17% of the United States' population: and

**Whereas**, like other Americans, Hispanics and Latinos have overcome great obstacles to persevere and flourish in every sector of our society; and

**Thereas**, the values expressed by labor leader and civil rights activist César Chávez – service to others, non-violence, acceptance of all people, respect for life and the environment, and celebrating community – are America's values; and

**Whereas**, Hispanics and Latinos continue to enrich our Nation's character, shape our common future, and affirm the narrative of American unity and progress; and

**Whereas**, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate Hispanic culture, honor the invaluable ways Hispanics contribute to our common goals, and work toward a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

**Whereas**, we reaffirm the City of Alameda's commitment to the values of dignity, inclusivity, and respect for all regardless of ethnic or national origin, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or immigration status, and stand united as a city where love and acceptance are stronger than hate and bigotry.

**Now, therefore be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2019 to be

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in the City of Alameda and call on all residents to join me in recognizing the lasting contributions that Hispanics and Latinos have made, and continue to make, to strengthen the fabric of American society.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

Mayor