

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** Hispanic or Latino Americans are the State's largest ethnic minority, with 15 million Latinos living in the State of California; and

**Whereas,** during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the tremendous contributions that Latinos have made to our State and community and honor the invaluable ways that the Latino culture and people have contributed to our common goals, as we continue to work toward a more inclusive and equitable society for all; and

**Whereas,** we also acknowledge the harms stemming from social and racial inequities and continue our commitment to tackling these disparities, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted the Latino community. Latinos represent an overwhelming number of front line workers who have an increased risk of exposure to the virus, coupled with generational health disparities, resulting in devastating impacts to the Latino community from this unprecedented health and economic crisis; and

**Whereas,** as we fight the pandemic together and look toward a brighter, more equal future, we honor the resilience of the Latino community who have persisted through discrimination to lead movements for justice and equality, as expressed by labor leader and civil rights activist César Chávez, "History will judge societies and governments – and their institutions – not just by how big they are or how well they serve the rich and powerful, but by how effectively they respond to the needs of the poor and helpless;" and

**Whereas,** during Hispanic Heritage Month, 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, 2020 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 Latinos have made, and continue to make, in our community.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

