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Proclamation

Proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2022 to be Latinx Heritage Month

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Introduced by

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Requested Council Date

September 28, 2022

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15 minutes

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Considerando, durante más de cincuenta años de la herencia Latinx se ha celebrado en todo el país del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre para honrar y reconocer las diversas culturas Latinx que aportan una rica combinación de idiomas e historias culturales; y

Considerando, el mes de la herencia Latinx se lleva en reconocimiento a la importancia del 15 de septiembre porque es el aniversario de la independencia de los países latinoamericanos Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y Nicaragua. México y Chile celebran sus días de independencia el 16 y 18 de septiembre, respectivamente; y

Considerando, que los miembros de la comunidad de Portland se identifican a sí mismos como Latinx, Latine, Latino, Latina, Hispano, Hispana, Chicano, Chicana, Indígena o con su país de origen o ascendencia; y

Considerando, que el tapiz de la cultura Latinx es multirracial, multicultural y multilingüe; y

Considerando, que muchas personas Latinx tienen sus raíces en los pueblos indígenas de las Américas, pobladores colonizadores europeos, africanos que fueron secuestrados, traficados y esclavizados en las Américas y asiáticos que emigraron a las Américas; y

Considerando, la población Latinx, representa el grupo étnico minoritario más grande de los Estados Unidos, celebra la historia, culturas, y contribuciones de personas que tienen sus raíces en el Caribe, América Central, Norte América, Sudamérica y por todo el mundo; y

Considerando, celebramos la diversidad de todos los que se identifican bajo la amplia categoría de Latinx; y

Considerando, que la comunidad Latinx ha sido integral al progreso de los Estados Unidos por generaciones, aun cuando esta

comunidad ha enfrentado invisibilidad, rechazo de su lugar en nuestra sociedad, y luchas internas sobre su propia identidad en este país; y

Considerando, que las personas Latinx, junto con las comunidades negras, indígenas y gente de color, son parte de la fuerza de trabajo esencial que mantiene funcionando a nuestra ciudad y nación. Ellos/as impulsan la economía como trabajadores, propietarios y empresarios. Ellos/as son la fuerza del cambio social y político como defensores, activistas y funcionarios elegidos. Ellos/as crean innovaciones como maestros, científicos e ingenieros. Ellos/as enriquecen las artes como poetas, narradores orales, actores y directores. Ellos/as aseguran nuestras necesidades básicas y de salud como empleados de supermercados, choferes de camiones, trabajadores agrícolas, jornaleros, trabajadores sanitarios, proveedores de cuidado de niños, cuidadores personales, enfermeros, doctores y muchos otros; y

Considerando, para ayudar a conectar a más personas Latinx a trabajos en la Ciudad de y para apoyarlos por este proceso durante sus careras con la Ciudad, el Grupo de Afinidad Latinx de la Ciudad de Portland fue reestablecido en el 2014. Conocido como Latinx PDX ha aumentado a más de 100 empleados y continúa aumentando; y

Considerando, Latinx PDX se unen en solidaridad con sus cotrabajadores que se identifican como miembros de las comunidades Negra, Indígena, Personas de Color, y cualquier otro grupo marginalizado que lucha contra la discriminación y falta de representación en nuestra Ciudad y globalmente; y

Considerando, que los empleados de la ciudad de Latinx PDX se unen en solidaridad con las comunidades de personas negras, indígenas y gente de color, y los grupos marginalizados que enfrentan discriminación y poca representación en nuestra ciudad. Los empleados de la ciudad de Latinx PDX se comprometen a trabajar unidos con nuestras agencias para dismantelar los sistemas de opresión y racismo que hacen que el compromiso y participación cívica sea difícil para la comunidad BIPOC.

Ahora, por lo tanto, que yo, Ted Wheeler, alcalde de la Ciudad de
Portland, Oregón, por medio de la presente proclamo que del
15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre del 2022

Mes de la Herencia Latinx

y yo aliento a todos los residentes a aprender, reflexionar y celebrar las
contribuciones históricas (y presentes) que las personas Latinx hacen en
nuestra comunidad.