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Proclamation

Proclaim September 15-October 15, 2023 to be Latinx Heritage Month

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Whereas, Latinx PDX, a City of Portland Employee Resource Group, deeply values the contributions that members of the Hispanic and Latinx community make to the social, economic, physical, and cultural well-being, and overall prosperity, of the city of Portland; and

Introduced by

[Commissioner Carmen Rubio;](#)
[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

Date and Time Information

Requested Council Date

September 27, 2023

Requested Start Time

3:00 pm

Time Requested

20 minutes

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Documents and Exhibits

 [Proclamation \(English\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2023/latinx-heritage-month-proclamation-2023.pdf) 157.17 KB
(<https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2023/latinx-heritage-month-proclamation-2023.pdf>)

 [Proclamation \(Spanish\)](https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2023/latinx-heritage-month-proclamation-2023-spanish.pdf) 157.05 KB
(<https://www.portland.gov/sites/default/files/council-documents/2023/latinx-heritage-month-proclamation-2023-spanish.pdf>)

Agenda Items

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Considerando, que estamos orgullosos de reconocer y celebrar el Mes de la Herencia Latine del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre cada año; y

Considerando, que el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana comenzó hace más de medio siglo como una celebración de una semana en 1968. En el 1988 se extendió a una celebración de un mes celebrando las historias, la literatura, las culturas, artes, música y contribuciones de cuyos antepasados procedían de México, el Caribe y América Central y del Sur. También para honrar los aniversarios de la independencia de los países latinoamericanos: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, México, Chile y Belice, así como honrar el Día de la Raza de México; y

Considerando, que la comunidad Hispana y Latine es la comunidad de color más grande en la ciudad de Portland y en Oregón. Cuya historia y composición es rica y diversa, muchos de ellos son Indígenas, inmigrantes, refugiados y descendientes de África y Asia que hablan muchos otros idiomas además del español como primera lengua. Las comunidades latinas suelen ser trabajadores esenciales de primera línea; trabajadores agrícolas, trabajadores comunitarios de salud, educadores y son y han sido contribuyentes críticos en todas las profesiones para el bienestar de esta ciudad; y

Considerando, que la comunidad latina ha creado y establecido instituciones para resistir la desigualdad y defenderse a sí misma; y

Considerando, “Si Se Puede” junto con los valores de familia y comunidad, el cómo honramos y recordamos a nuestros antepasados, la conexión con nuestras raíces Africanas, Asiáticas e Indígenas, las tradiciones de organización y las reuniones comunitarias, han servido como modelos de resistencia contra la injusticia; y

Considerando, que, a pesar de las contribuciones y los logros, el racismo sistémico persiste en los Estados Unidos y en el mundo, generando una resistencia continua que exige un frente unido y un cambio institucional y social duradero para la libertad de nuestros hermanos negros. Y así lograr la libertad para todes; y

Considerando, Latinx PDX, un grupo de empleados de la Ciudad de Portland, valora profundamente las contribuciones que aportan los miembros de la comunidad hispana y latine al bienestar social, económico, físico, cultural y a la prosperidad general de la ciudad de Portland; y

Considerando, que Latinx PDX sirve como un puente para fomentar un sentido de pertenencia y alegría entre la comunidad latine y nuestros vecinos de todos los orígenes, para apoyar su bienestar y brindar un auténtico enriquecimiento cultural y educativo a través de eventos, talleres de educación, capacitación de comunidad, y mucho más; y

Considerando, que alentamos a todos los residentes de Portland a unirse a nuestro compromiso contra el racismo, xenofobia, y odio, y construir una comunidad unida, abrazar el “tu lucha es mi lucha” para un mundo más pacífico y justo; y

Considerando, que nos comprometemos a apoyar y fortalecer a nuestra comunidad Latine a través de nuestras asociaciones continuas, que fomentan el entendimiento cultural y profundizan nuestro aprecio por la amplia gama de contribuciones que nuestra comunidad Latine aporta a nuestra calidad de vida tanto en nuestra comunidad como en todo el país; y

Considerando, hoy celebramos y damos la bienvenida a todes a celebrar con nosotros y continuar apoyando a nuestras comunidades, a medida que construimos una nación más fuerte a través de la inclusión y la unidad hoy y en el futuro. ¡Si Se Puede!

Ahora, por lo tanto, se resuelve, que la Ciudad de Portland, por la presente proclamación reconoce y honra el 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre como el

Mes de la Herencia Latine