

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hispanic heritage of the United States historically spans more than five centuries, and has been a consistent and vital influence in our country's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic or Latino culture is tied to Iberian ancestry, the rich tapestry of their culture recognizes that Hispanics and Latinos are multiracial and multicultural. Hispanics represent people with origins from over 20 countries throughout the United States, Latin America, South America, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's Hispanic population continues to serve as the largest minority group at 14%, representing the fastest growing population. In the City of Vancouver roughly 15% of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have and continue to support Oregon's economy with growing labor force contributions ranging in fields from professional and business services to education and health services, transportation, utilities, production and much more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver supports the organizations, institutions, and people assisting with faced disparities encountered by Hispanics, such as the achievement gap, health access and outcome disparities; and

WHEREAS, continued access to resources, jobs, and livable wages for Hispanics is imperative for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2023, as:

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

in Vancouver encourage all residents to join in this observance and participate in events that celebrate rich cultural traditions.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 25th day of August, 2023.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR