

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15th - OCTOBER 15th, 2025 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year, from September 15 to October 15 to recognize the culture and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spanish speaking countries of Europe, Central America, South America and Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have been breaking boundaries in the United States for centuries, fighting for justice, equity and inclusion, contributing to American society as changemakers, scientists, athletes, leaders in government, advocates, and public servants, enriching American culture through the influence of multiethnic and multicultural music, food, art, and literature, and shaping and strengthening communities in their service as teachers, doctors, business owners, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, 60 million Hispanic Americans live in the United States and 15 million residing in California, comprise the largest ethnic group in both our state and the nation, and represent 27% of Contra Costa County's total population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hercules recognizes and the achievements and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans that help shape our society, economy, values and culture, and recommit to promoting an inclusive community in which we can all engage and learn by celebrating the cultural diversity and the distinct perspectives that make up the fabric of this nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Dion Bailey, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2025 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Hercules. I call upon residents to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs that celebrate Hispanic heritage and learn more about the history and impact of Hispanic and Latin Americans have had on our Nation.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 23rd day of September 2025.

Dion Bailey, Mayor