

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15 by celebrating the rich culture, heritage, and countless contributions of those whose ancestry originates from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS National Hispanic Heritage Month began as a week-long celebration in 1968 and expanded to a month-long observance in 1988, to show our gratitude and recognize the profound impact of Hispanic and Latin communities on the nation's history and future; and

WHEREAS September 15 is a significant date marking the independence anniversaries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed closely by Mexico's and Chile's independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

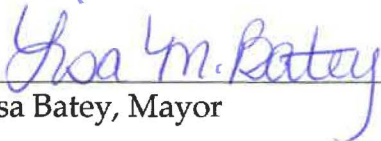
WHEREAS Hispanic and Latiné/Latinx communities have enriched every aspect of life in Milwaukie and across the nation—serving as educators, labor leaders, artists, engineers, entrepreneurs, public servants, and caretakers, among countless other roles; and

WHEREAS in the face of historic and ongoing injustice, Hispanic and Latiné/Latinx communities have persevered with remarkable resilience, courage, and an enduring commitment to social justice—championing civil rights, labor equity, and expanded access to education for all; and

WHEREAS the City of Milwaukie celebrates this month to honor these achievements, uplift their voices and stories of as we celebrate the culture, traditions, and diversity, and to stand with the Hispanic and Latiné/Latinx communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **September 15 – October 15, 2025**, to be **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in Milwaukie.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this **16th day of September 2025**.



Lisa Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

