

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage, and countless contributions of those whose ancestry extends to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America, and

WHEREAS National Hispanic Heritage Month began as a week-long observation declared in 1968 and grew to a month-long celebration in 1988 and is now celebrated from September 15th through October 15th each year, and

WHEREAS September 15 is a significant date because it marks the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively, and

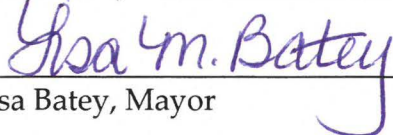
WHEREAS we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to show our gratitude for the achievements, inspiration, and service our Hispanic and Latin communities provide to our city, region, and country every day, and

WHEREAS Hispanic and Latino, Latina, and Latinx individuals help drive our small business economy as workers, business owners, and entrepreneurs; enrich our academic environment as teachers, professors, and engineers; participate in the good governance and betterment of our society; take leading roles in the Labor Movement and ensure our health and community as nurses, doctors, caretakers, and childcare workers, and

WHEREAS this city wishes to recognize the month beginning September 15 and ending October 15 as an opportunity to reflect on enormous contributions, celebrate the culture, traditions, and diversity, and to stand with the Hispanic and Latin 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, 2023**, 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 3rd day of **October 2023**.



Lisa Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

