

Town of Chapel Hill

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September 15th is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and Mexico achieved independence on September 16; and Chile achieved independence on September 18; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans bring a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities and religious traditions which are part of the fabric of America; and

WHEREAS, between 1968 and 1988 Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan issued a series of annual proclamations that designated a week in September including September 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 when the United States Congress adopted a resolution designating September 15th to October 15th of each year as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the United States highlights and celebrates the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic communities of North Carolina have been integral in the history, culture, governance and economy of the Town of Chapel Hill and the state and will be a critical part of its future, as these communities continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, through their rich culture, traditions and history, Hispanic Americans have made significant contributions to our country, state and town.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Chapel Hill recognizes September 15th to October 15th, 2020 as

Hispanic Heritage Month

in the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage everyone to celebrate in safe ways such as by attending virtual events commemorating the month such as those being offered through the Hispanic League (<https://www.hispanicleague.org/>) and El Pueblo (<https://elpueblo.org/>).

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE THIRTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.



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