

*Town of Chapel Hill*

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> 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

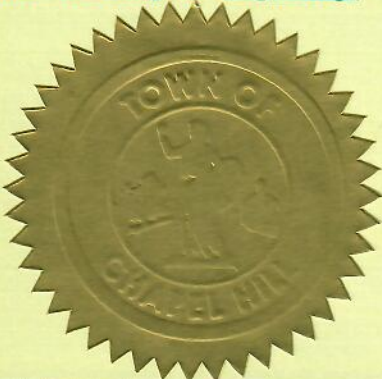
**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic communities of North Carolina have been integral in the history, culture, governance and economy of the Town of Chapel Hill and the state and will be a critical part of its future, as these communities continue to grow; and

**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 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.

*Gum Hemm*