

Proclamation

WHEREAS, across our community and throughout the nation, Hispanic and Latino leaders continue to pursue the American Dream while uplifting those around them; and

WHEREAS, each year from September 15 to October 15, National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month offers an opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions and achievements of Hispanic and Latino individuals in Chapel Hill, to honor their impact locally and nationally, and to celebrate the richness of their cultures, traditions, and diversity; and

WHEREAS, September 15 marks the anniversary of independence for the Latin American nations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, with Mexico and Chile commemorating their independence on September 16 and 18, respectively—making this date a meaningful beginning to the month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *"Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,"* speaks to the strength and perseverance of Hispanic and Latino communities and serves as a powerful reminder of the values that unite us—resilience, hope, and the pursuit of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill recognizes that safeguarding the civil rights, dignity, and well-being of Hispanic and Latino members of our community is essential to building a just and inclusive community, and remains steadfast in its commitment to confronting discrimination, advancing equitable access to housing, and employment, and ensuring that all Hispanic and Latino individuals are empowered to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill proudly observes Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the histories, cultures, and achievements of Hispanic and Latino communities, and reaffirms its commitment to fostering understanding, inclusion, and equity through community partnerships and outreach that promote diversity and civic engagement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2025, as

Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

in Chapel Hill and encourage all residents to participate in events and activities that honor and celebrate the lives, history, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino people.

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

