

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, our country officially recognized and celebrated the traditions and contributions of the Hispanic community in the United States in 1968 under President Johnson as Hispanic Heritage Week, later expanded to National Hispanic Heritage month; and
- WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the culture, ancestry, and experiences of residents of Mexican, Spanish, Central and South American, and Caribbean descent; and
- WHEREAS, this month is an opportunity to further promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation for Latina/o and Hispanic traditions and accomplishments within the City of Seattle; and
- WHEREAS, the Hispanic culture and community have been present in Seattle since the first settlers of Spanish and Mexican descent arrived as early as 1774; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the efforts of the many Latina/o civil rights leaders in Seattle from the late 1940s through the 1970s into present day, including Roberto Maestas; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes Latina/o leaders in education, such as Ana Mari Cauce, the first Latina to serve as President of the University of Washington; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle commemorates notable Latinas/os Seattle athletes, including Mariner Hall of Famer Edgar Martínez, of Puerto Rican descent.
- WHEREAS, organizations and groups such as El Centro de la Raza in the Beacon Hill neighborhood (1972), the Sea Mar Community Health Center in South Park (1978), and Casa Latina (1994) continue to build and nurture the strength of the Hispanic community in Seattle; and
- WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the work of Seattle's Hispanic artists, including Bailadores de Bronce dance group, Latino Theatre Projects theatre company, eSe Teatro, the La Sala artists, and many other performers, writers, and musicians; and
- WHEREAS, the Latina/o community celebrates many cultural festivals and events in Seattle including Cinco de Mayo, Hispanic SeaFair, Fiestas Patrias, Seattle Latino Film Festival, Dia de los Muertos and others; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month and commends the myriad cultural, economic and historical contributions of the Latina/o community, helping us advance the values of our One Seattle vision to build an innovative, thriving and welcoming city for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF SEATTLE AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2024, TO BE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN SEATTLE AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN OBSERVING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS LATINAS/OS HAVE MADE TO OUR CITY.



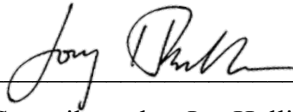
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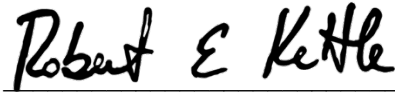
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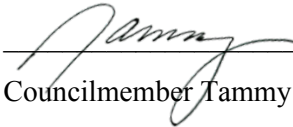
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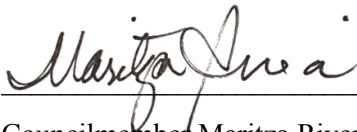
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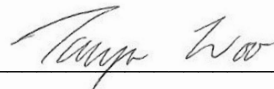
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