

PROCLAMATION

Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, in September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was observed during the week including September 15th and 16th. Further, National Hispanic Heritage Week was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to become Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning on September 15th and ending on October 15th; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic population of the United States is now 62.1 million, constituting 18.7% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics in the United States can trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, there are over 4.6 million Hispanic businesses in the United States that contribute more than \$800 billion to the economy; and

WHEREAS, more than one million Hispanics are currently serving in or are veterans of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 30% of residents of Redlands are of Hispanic origin; and


WHEREAS, from early land grants and the Lugonia Colony to the present, Hispanics in Redlands continue to contribute immeasurably to the growth and prosperity of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim the period of September 15 through October 15, 2022 as *Hispanic Heritage Month* in the City of Redlands and encourages all residents to support activities that develop understanding and enjoyment of Hispanic heritage, culture, art and music.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 4th day of October, 2022.



Paul T. Barich, Mayor



Denise Davis, Council Member



Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Council Member

Attest:



Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk



Eddie Tejeda, Mayor Pro Tem

