



# Proclamation

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

**WHEREAS**, each year from September 15 – October 15, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month originally started with one week of commemoration when it was first introduced by Congressman George E. Brown in June 1968 and expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period; and

**WHEREAS**, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an important reminder of how much strength we draw as a Nation from our immigrant roots and our values as a Nation of immigrants; and

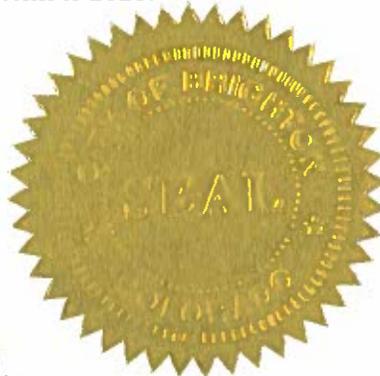
**WHEREAS**, with more than 60 million Hispanic Americans residing in the United States, Hispanic Americans make up the largest minority group in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, the Hispanic community has made significant contributions to the Brighton community, from business owners, to community leaders, to healthcare professionals and educators, and so much more; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and honor the many ways that Hispanics have enriched the fabric of our society while also rededicating our efforts to ensure Brighton is a welcoming and inclusive community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

**DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.



**ATTEST:**

  
Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**

  
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