

**IN RECOGNITION OF  
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month began as a way to promote the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic Americans – specifically those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was expanded to cover a thirty-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s theme is “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future” which was chosen by The National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Manager (NCHEPM) to guide observances and celebrations for the month and emphasizes the shared history, culture, and experiences that unite diverse Hispanic and Latine communities; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty-five million Americans identify as Hispanic, making Hispanics the largest ethnic minority, with the majority of the U.S. Hispanic population residing in California, Texas, and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans have been integral to the prosperity of the United States. As legislators, artists, judges, farmworkers, musicians, and activists, their contributions to the nation are immeasurable, and they embody the best of American values; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize September 15 – October 15, 2025, as National Hispanic Heritage Month - a time to reflect on and celebrate the Hispanic American community and how it has left an indelible mark on the U.S. culture and economy.

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*Eddie Flores, Mayor*

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*Mark Addiego, Vice Mayor*

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*James Coleman, Councilmember*

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*Mark Nagales, Councilmember*

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*Buenafior Nicolas, Councilmember*

*Dated: September 10, 2025*