

**RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15 AS  
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

*September 9, 2020*

***WHEREAS,** National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month celebrates the Hispanic and Latino community and highlights its countless achievements; and*

***WHEREAS,** many Latino Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas – including the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas, the Maya, and the Tainos, some trace their roots to the Spanish explorers, or to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World; and*

***WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month had its origins when the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 90-498 on September 17, 1968, which authorized and requested the President of the United States to issue an annual proclamation designating the week, including September 15 and 16, as National Hispanic Heritage Week; and*

***WHEREAS,** with the U.S. Congress directing that this week should include September 15 and 16, this law celebrated Hispanic Americans and the anniversaries of independence for the five Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, as well as Mexico's independence on September 16; and*

***WHEREAS,** in 1988, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 100-402, which amended Public Law 90-498 and established National Hispanic Heritage Month, and the U.S. President was again authorized and requested to issue an annual proclamation designating the "31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on October 15" as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and*

***WHEREAS,** Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a significant and fast growing demographic of the City of South San Francisco, we honor the invaluable ways they contribute to our great city; and*

***WHEREAS,** today nearly 52 million people or 16.7 percent of Americans are of Hispanic or Latino origin and another 3.1 million are residents of Puerto Rico; in South San Francisco, nearly 33.7 percent of the population of 67,789 is of Hispanic origin.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Richard Garbarino and the City Council of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in South San Francisco and encourage all residents and visitors alike to join us in celebrating this special month.*