



Hispanic / Latinx Heritage Month Proclamation

Whereas, Hispanic / Latinx Heritage Month is an official celebration of American communities whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean; and

Whereas, the celebration started as a week-long celebration in 1968 and later expanded to dedicate a month recognizing the generations of Hispanic / Latin Americans who have and continue to positively influence and enrich our society; and

Whereas, September 15 is significant because it marks the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

Whereas, many Hispanic / Latinx people have come to this country as immigrants and have fought for state and national initiatives providing pathways to equal rights, citizenship, and protecting the right to vote; and

Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, members of the Hispanic / Latinx community have helped shape the social, cultural, political, and economic landscape of this nation despite of longstanding discrimination and unequal treatment; and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Hispanic / Latinx community helped keep our neighborhoods and communities vibrant, prosperous, and safe by serving as front-line workers, researchers, teachers, business owners, scientists, farmworkers, first responders, activists, colleagues, neighbors, and friends; and

Whereas, on September 14, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed the National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation, designating September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month.

Now, therefore, I, Justin Brooks, Mayor of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim that Hispanic / Latinx Heritage Month be celebrated from September 15 through October 15, and I call upon the Town of Erie and all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2022.

Justin Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Stamp, Deputy Town Clerk