

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming September 15 through October 15, 2018 as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County has been home to people who identify as Hispanic, Latino, Latinx, Chicano or indigenous from Mexico, Central or South America for over 100 years. In the 1920 census, 37 Mexicans were listed as living in Multnomah County.
- b. Latinxs in Multnomah County include people whose families have been here for generations and some of the newest members of our community. Latinxs in Multnomah County are among the fastest growing populations in Oregon and are estimated to make up 11.6% of our population.
- c. Latinxs in Multnomah County contribute to our culture and arts as singers, performers and writers. They help drive our small business economy as workers, owners and entrepreneurs. They enrich our academic environment as teachers, professors and engineers. They are driving social and political change as advocates, activists and elected officials. They ensure our health and community as nurses, doctors, caretakers and childcare workers.
- d. Multnomah County's own workforce comprises 10 percent Latinx employees. The approximately five hundred Latinx County employees allows us to better serve our community by bringing multilingual and multicultural capacity to our workforce.
- e. Multnomah County takes great pride in the growing diversity of our community and in the impressive and valuable contributions made by our Latinx residents to the County's growth, prosperity and well-being.
- f. Latinx Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions that Latinxs in the United States have made to society and culture. This month, we honor the rich heritage of Latinx communities and celebrate their countless achievements.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. September 15 through October 15, 2018 as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the many contributions of Hispanics to the County and our community.
2. We call upon all residents of Multnomah County to celebrate the history and recognize the contributions of Latinxs to our community, state, and nation.

ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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