

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

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming September 15 through October 15, 2017 as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. 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.
- b. The Latinx heritage of the United States extends historically over five centuries and has been a consistent and vital influence in our country's growth and prosperity. Latinxs have contributed to the rich history of Multnomah County and the State of Oregon. By the mid-1950s, Latinx farm workers were a crucial part of Oregon's agricultural economy. As early as the 1960s, Latinxs initiated businesses meeting local demand in the service industry, health, manufacturing, and high tech sectors, while establishing themselves as integral community members working in public service and civic society.
- c. Latinxs in Oregon are a diverse mix of first generation immigrants and long time residents. The definition of Latinx is tied to the cultures across 24 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Although about half of the overall Latinx population is U.S. born and half foreign-born, most Latinx children were born in the US.
- d. Latinxs in Multnomah County are among the fastest growing populations in Oregon and contribute greatly to the county's economy, growth, and diversity.
- e. Latinxs represent 10% of Multnomah County's workforce. The approximately five hundred Latinx County employees bring multilingual and multicultural capacity to our workforce.
- f. 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.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

1. September 15 through October 15, 2017 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 urge all residents of Multnomah County to celebrate the history and recognize the contributions of Latinxs to our community, state, and nation.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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