



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 16, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5th Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Proclaiming September 15, 2025 through October 15, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month in
Sonoma County**

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month is a nationally recognized observance that uplifts the voices, resilience, and achievements of Hispanic Americans with roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latine/x communities have long been a cornerstone of Sonoma County's cultural, economic, civic, and spiritual life, deeply rooted in the region's history and essential to its past, present and future; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latine/x communities have enriched every aspect of Sonoma County's life and culture – from the arts, to education, business, science, public service, agriculture, labor, and civil rights; our Latine/x and Hispanic residents have made lasting and vital contributions to the prosperity and cultural vibrancy of our County, driving our region forward while preserving its cultural depth and linguistic diversity; and

Whereas, Sonoma County's Hispanic and Latine/x population has grown by 77.9% in the past 20 years; our Hispanic and Latine/x population is comprised of approximately 141,000 people, which is more than a quarter of our population, and an even greater share of our strength, resilience, and hope; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latine/x residents have faced systemic inequities in housing, education, healthcare, and political representation, and yet continue to lead with vision, dignity, and determination, breaking barriers, building institutions, and transforming systems in the pursuit of equity and justice; and

Whereas, this month serves as a meaningful time to acknowledge the strength drawn from diversity and to recommit to policies and practices that support economic advancement, public health access, and civic participation for all; and

Whereas, it is not enough to simply symbolically celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month; it is a call to action for sustained investment in bilingual access, immigrant rights, workforce equity, cultural preservation, and the dismantling of racism in all its forms; and

Whereas, we must move beyond celebration alone. We must confront the hard truths of inequity, ongoing barriers to education, healthcare, housing, representation, and opportunity, and commit to building systems that uplift rather than exclude; and

Whereas, Sonoma County affirms its commitment to fostering a future where Hispanic and Latine/x families are fully included and empowered to shape public policy, cultural discourse, and economic opportunity.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, in deep gratitude for the rich cultural, social, and economic contributions of our Hispanic and Latine/x communities, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15 as **Hispanic Heritage Month** in Sonoma County. We call upon all public institutions, organizations, and residents to not only celebrate this vibrant heritage during this month, but to continuously uplift, honor, and invest in the voices, leadership, traditions, and dreams of Hispanic and Latine/x peoples—today and every day. May this recognition serve as a reminder of our shared responsibility to foster a community rooted in equity, dignity, and belonging for all.

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Rabbitt:

Coursey:

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Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.