



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Majority Vote Required

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,  
Proclaiming September 15, 2024 through October 15, 2024 as  
Hispanic Heritage Month in Sonoma County**

**Whereas**, in 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson first recognized Hispanic Heritage Week, later expanded under President Reagan to one month and enacted into law on August 17, 1988. Each successive President has continued this tradition issuing a proclamation at the start of the observance, September 15 through October 15, to be National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County has a long history of welcoming immigrants and is home to a growing multiethnic and multicultural populations, including citizens originating from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America – all of whom are welcome and make our lives brighter and better; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County's Hispanic and Latine/x population has grown by 77.9% in the past 20 years and now represents 29% of our residents, approximately 141,000 people; and

**Whereas**, the diverse Hispanic and Latine/x population of the County of Sonoma makes a significant economic contribution and has many profound positive influences on our community through strong commitment to family, faith, education, hard work, vibrant culture, service; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Hispanic and Latine/x organizations comprised of civically active community members, business owners, elected officials, and high school and college

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students have continued to foster the culture and tradition as a whole while also advocating and ensuring a voice in Sonoma County on behalf of the Community. For the past decades, the focus has been in the areas of immigration, education, health, wellness, financial stability, economic engagement, and social justice; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, in deep appreciation to the diverse population of our community, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15 to be Hispanic Heritage Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**