



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: September 15, 2022

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California, Proclaiming September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 as Latino Heritage Month**

**Whereas**, in 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson first recognized Hispanic Heritage Week, later expanded under President Reagan to one month, and each successive President has continued this tradition, including President Joe Biden, who declared September 15 through October 15 to be National Hispanic Heritage Month and who has called upon the people of our county to observe this month with appropriate respect, ceremonies, activities; and

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

**Whereas**, Sonoma County's Latino population grew by 70% in the past 20 years and now represents 29% of our citizens, approximately 140,000 people; and

**Whereas**, the diverse Latino 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**, for the past decades, Sonoma County Latino organizations; comprised of civically active community members, business owners, elected officials, college students, and high school students; focusing in the areas of immigration, education, health, wellness, financial stability, economic engagement, and social justice have continued to foster the culture and tradition to our community while advocating and ensuring a voice in Sonoma County on behalf of the Latino Community; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, in deep appreciation to the diverse Latino population of our community, hereby proclaim

September 15 through October 15 to be Latino Heritage Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:                      Rabbitt:                      Coursey:                      Hopkins:                      Gore:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**