

**2023 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION**  
**City of Ilwaco**

Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month - Mes de la Herencia Hispana

**WHEREAS**, each year the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month to honor, and recognize the rich and diverse contributions that Hispanic Americans have made and how they have influenced the development of the United States. Hispanic explorers helped open the New World, discovered its resources, and founded its new nations, including parts of our own country.

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the independence day of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

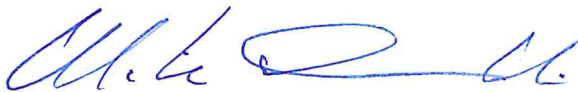
**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, *Building Prosperous and Healthy Communities*, calls on us to ensure that all people participate and feel welcome to help build prosperous communities and a healthy nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics make significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of the City of Ilwaco, and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific County Immigrant Support (PCIS) actively promotes access to opportunity and a path to citizenship for our Hispanic community, and will hold a Sept 16 Hispanic Heritage Celebration in South Bend; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ILWACO, WASHINGTON** that the period of **September 15 through October 15, 2023** is designated **Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Ilwaco, and encourage residents from all of Pacific County to join in events that honor our unique and vibrant history as we recommit ourselves to a shared future of healthy, peaceful, safe, and sustainable communities for all.

**INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of August, 2023



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Mayor and City Council, City of Ilwaco