

City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15, 2024

WHEREAS, The City of San Rafael proudly celebrates the vibrant contributions, rich cultures, and deep histories of Hispanic and Latino individuals, families, and communities across America, whose roots trace back to Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Mexico, and further to Spain, Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated from September 15 to October 15, the anniversary of independence for many Latin American countries is celebrated, with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15; Mexico and Chile's independence days on September 16 and September 18; and Día de la Raza on October 12; and

WHEREAS, we as a nation celebrate through a variety of events including festivals, music, art shows, conferences, and community gatherings to recognize the vibrant and enduring impact that Hispanic and Latino communities have made across American society, including in the arts, sciences, education, agriculture and farming, politics, law, politics, and industry; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the contributions Hispanic and Latino residents to make to our local, regional, and national economies as local workers, entrepreneurs, athletes, artists, entertainers, scientists, public servants, and much more; and

WHEREAS, more than thirty percent of the population of San Rafael is of Hispanic, Latino, and Indigenous descent, and the City is proud to recognize its Hispanic and Latino leaders in the community and many partners that serve and support our local residents, individuals within our own City workforce, and all of the contributions from Hispanic and Latino residents, citizens, and communities to the economic, cultural, social, and historic fabric of our City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of San Rafael, and acknowledges the strength and resilience of our Hispanic and Latino communities and encourages resident to increase their own cultural awareness, embrace the valuable contributions of Hispanic and Latino individuals and communities, and observe and recognize their past and continued accomplishments.



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Kate Colin
Mayor