

**City of San Rafael**  
**Proclamation in Recognition of**  
**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2023**

- WHEREAS,** the City of San Rafael recognizes the contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Hispanic and Latino communities, whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and
- WHEREAS,** we as a nation celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month annually from September 15 to October 15, through festivals, music, art shows, conferences, community gatherings, and much more; and
- WHEREAS,** during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua are on September 15; and Mexico and Chile's independence days are on September 16 and September 18; and Día de la Raza is on October 12; and
- WHEREAS,** over thirty percent of the population of San Rafael is of Hispanic, Latino, and Indigenous descent, who contribute to the economic, cultural, social, and historic fabric of our City; and
- WHEREAS,** many City of San Rafael employees have Hispanic and/or Latino heritage, and they contribute to the strength and diversity of the overall city workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of San Rafael is proud to recognize its Hispanic and Latino leadership, including the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Marin, Canal Alliance, Latino Council, Voces del Canal, the Multicultural Center of Marin, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to increase cultural awareness and diversity by paying tribute to the valuable contributions made by Hispanic and Latino Americans to our business, cultural, and educational communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of San Rafael and urge its residents to join in observing and recognizing the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Colin".

Kate Colin  
Mayor