

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 – October 15, 2018

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the history, culture and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, and the nations of Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

WHEREAS, 50 years after the United States first observed what was then National Hispanic Heritage Week, begun under President Lyndon Johnson, Hispanics represent a vibrant and thriving part of our diverse Washington County community; and

WHEREAS, this month's theme, "One endless voice to enhance our traditions," reminds us of all the ways Hispanics have enriched and shaped our community for generations; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics continue to make significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of Washington County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this eighteenth day of September, 2018, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 15th – October 15th, 2018 as Hispanic Heritage Month, and encourage all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

Andy Duyck, Washington County Board Chair

Recording Secretary

Minute Order