

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 15 to October 15 is annually celebrated as National Hispanic Heritage Month to commemorate various Latin American Independence Days and honor the Hispanic community's long-term presence and struggle for equality across our nation; and,

WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 through the legislative encouragement of Congressman Esteban Torres of California, to cover the period at which it is celebrated today (September 15th – October 15th); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Libertyville honors the strong and visible roots of Hispanic heritage in the national, regional, and local landscape of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, since our founding, our Nation has drawn strength from the diversity of our people. With faith and passion, a sturdy work ethic and profound devotion to family, Hispanics have helped carry forward our legacy as a vibrant beacon of opportunity for all. Whether their ancestors have been here for generations, or they are among the newest members of our American family, they represent many countries and cultures, each adding their own distinct and dynamic perspective to our country's story; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community in America has made many important advances in areas of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theatre, and exploration; and,

WHEREAS, this month, let us reflect on the countless ways in which Hispanics have contributed to our Nation's success, and let us reaffirm our commitment to expanding opportunity and building an ever-brighter future for all. Let us embrace the diversity that strengthens us and continue striving to ensure the American dream is within reach for generations of Hispanics to come; and

WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to learn about the Hispanic community and to celebrate this month to recognize the contributions that Hispanic individuals have made to our society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donna Johnson, Village President of Libertyville, Illinois, proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and call upon all people of Libertyville, Illinois, to learn more about various Hispanic communities and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2023.




Donna Johnson, Village President