



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing National Hispanic  
Heritage Month 2022  
Proclamación para el Mes Nacional  
de la Herencia Hispana 2022**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month, known as “Mes de Herencia Hispana”, is celebrated nationwide from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Americans observe this month by celebrating the histories, cultures, food, music, and traditions of 26 Latin American nations; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that all nations are not homogeneous, this month celebrates, honors and pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic and Latina, Latino, Latinx and Latine Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our country and society. The celebration starts in the middle of the month, because the 15<sup>th</sup> marks the independence days of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and Mexico, Chile, and Belize follow shortly after, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latin-Americans amount to an estimated 17.8% of the United States, and 10.4% of the North Carolina total population. Recognizing that Wake County is composed of approximately 116,000 Hispanic and Latin Americans, our county has become more diverse due to a boom in the community’s population in the past three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic-owned businesses in Wake County are increasing yearly. One 2012 estimate cites \$4.8 billion in sales, and the 2020 NC Census states up to 30,266 Hispanic and Latin American employers since 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Wake County recognizes the significant contributions of all Hispanic, Latino/a/x/e Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and outreach groups that help increase cultural awareness, enrichment, and community engagement to our residents. It is through their support and community involvement that our county has continued to flourish both culturally and economically; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Wake strives to make our community a place where all people - regardless of their race, ethnicity, language, and geography - are treated equally.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim September 15<sup>th</sup> - October 15<sup>th</sup> as National Hispanic Heritage Month and commend its observance to all residents.

**ADOPTED** this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.

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Sig Hutchinson, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners