

**Item Title:** Proclamation Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners proclaims September 2018 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Wake County.**

**Item Summary:**

The state of North Carolina and partnering agencies are joining together to bring awareness to an ethnic community focused on diversity and inclusion. The National Hispanic Heritage celebrates the customs, legacies and achievements of United States Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our society and preparing future Latino leaders in the classroom, community and workforce.

In support of this recognition, the Board of Commissioners is requested to proclaim September 2018 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Wake County. The intent of this proclamation is to expand general knowledge and provide cultural awareness about the Hispanic and Latino citizens in our community.

Hispanic diversity efforts are supported by the following neighboring community organizations:

- Hola NC
- NC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- El Centro Hispano
- The Tomorrow Fund: Helping Hispanic students afford higher education
- Hispanic Market Advantage Conference
- North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals
- Latino Diamante Awards
- El Futuro: Bilingual clinical services

**Attachments:**

1. Proclamation