



## **Proclamation Recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month 2018**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> each year; and

**WHEREAS**, this month pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. This period was chosen, because it is the anniversary of independence for eight Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile and Belize.

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has experienced a boom in its Hispanic population since the early 1990s. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, North Carolina has had the fifth highest growth rate of Hispanics in the nation from 2000 to 2014.

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic-owned businesses make significant contributions to our economy. One 2012 estimate cites \$4.8 billion in sales.

**WHEREAS**, the County of Wake recognizes the significant contributions of different organizations supporting Hispanic culture and awareness, specifically the North Carolina Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which assists Hispanic business owners, and other community organizations, including Hola NC, El Centro Hispano, The Tomorrow Fund, Hispanic Market Advantage Conference, North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals, Latino Diamante Awards and El Futuro; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Wake strives to make our community a place where all people—regardless of their race, ethnicity 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 citizens.

**ADOPTED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2018.

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Jessica N. Holmes, Chair  
Wake County Board of Commissioners