



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing National Hispanic
Heritage Month 2019**

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th each year; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the celebratory month is to recognize the contributions and vital presence of both Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and to observe their native heritage and contributing culture; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has experienced a boom in its Hispanic population since the early 1990s. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 10% of North Carolina's population is Hispanic or Latino; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned businesses make significant contributions to our economy, generating \$4.8 billion in sales; and

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, who advocate, promote and facilitate the success of Hispanic businesses in collaboration with the greater business community; 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 15th – October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month and commend its observance to all citizens.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of September 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners