

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2025 AS

Hispanic and Latine Heritage Month

WHEREAS, each year, from September 15 through October 15, HISPANIC AND LATINE HERITAGE MONTH celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Latin American countries and individuals; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is home to a vibrant and diverse community, with a significant **HISPANIC AND LATINE** population that has deep historical roots in our county, and

WHEREAS, according to the latest census data, the Latine community comprises 24% of San Mateo County's population, contributing to the rich tapestry of our cultural diversity, and

WHEREAS, HISPANIC AND LATINE people have a profound and enduring connection to their indigenous heritage which has left an indelible mark on the traditions, art, music, and cuisine that enhance the beauty and uniqueness of our community, and

WHEREAS, HISPANIC AND LATINE HERITAGE is rooted deeply in the state of California, with approximately 15.6 million Hispanic and Latine people calling the state their home; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration policy in 2025 has resulted in large-scale deportation of immigrants and, despite inequalities and injustices throughout California history, our **HISPANIC AND LATINE** communities have fought for dignity and justice, shaping the state's social, political, and economic landscapes; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, there remains a need for equitable representation of the HISPANIC AND LATINE population in elected offices, appointed positions, and other positions of leadership, as their perspectives and experiences are invaluable in shaping a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates September 15 through October 15, 2025, as **HISPANIC AND LATINE HERITAGE MONTH** to honor and celebrate Latine culture and history.

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