

Proclamation

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2023, as

Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year, from September 15 through October 15 to celebrate 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 Latinx population that has deep historical roots in our county, and

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

WHEREAS, the Latinx 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, Latinx heritage is rooted deeply in our state, with approximately 15.6 million Latinx people calling California their home; and

WHEREAS, throughout California history, our Latinx communities have fought inequalities and injustices, shaping the state's social, political, and economic landscapes, and that legacy continues today; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, there remains a need for greater representation of the Latinx population in elected offices, appointed positions, and other positions of leadership in our society, as their perspectives and experiences are invaluable in shaping a more inclusive and equitable future for all; and

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, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month to honor and respect the Latinx culture and history.

Dated: October 3, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

