

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING

October 2021 as Latinx Heritage Month

WHEREAS, National Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in the State of California is observed each year, from September through October to embrace the history, culture, and contributions of Latin American countries and individuals; and

WHEREAS, we are a state in which our strength is diversity and Latinx heritage is rooted deeply in our state, with approximately 15.6 million individuals calling California their home; and

WHEREAS, Latinx leaders have made extraordinary movements such as developing civic power and promoting social change; and

WHEREAS, thanks to these individuals, many of whom have been on the frontline of COVID-19 as business owners, healthcare workers, and even food handlers - we have been slowly but steadily getting back to norm; and

WHEREAS, despite their grand and countless effort to maintain California in bright places, these individuals have also been disproportionately impacted not only by the pandemic, but also by ignorance, racism, and anti-immigrant sentiment; and

WHEREAS, Latinx immigrants have worked hard to have access to opportunities, as they also share the idea of believing in the Promise of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Latinx community makes up 24 % of the San Mateo County population and the County of San Mateo’s Office of Diversity and Equity hosts the Latino Collaborative to promote strength and unity; and

WHEREAS, by committing to highlight the rich diversity of people that surround us, we must share our values of compassion, kindness, and overall empathy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of October as Latinx Heritage Month and be reminded that what unites is far greater than what divides, honoring and respecting these remarkable individuals that keep our community shining.

Dated: October 5, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

DAVID J. CANEPA, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors