

CITY OF NAPA
PROCLAMATION

Latino Heritage Month
September 15 – October 15, 2019

WHEREAS, In 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson first recognized Hispanic Heritage Week, which was later expanded to one month by President Reagan. Since then, each successive United States President has continued this tradition to declare September 15 through October 15 to be National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa has a long history of welcoming immigrants and is home to a growing multiethnic and multicultural Latino population, including citizens originating from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, all of whom are welcome and very much appreciated. Napa County's Latino population grew by 50 percent in the past 12 years and now represents over 39.9 percent of our citizens, and more than 56 percent of all public-school students are Latino; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa's diverse Latino population makes a significant economic contribution and has other profound positive influences on our community through their strong commitment to family, faith, education, hard work, culture and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Napa, which thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all our people, also depends on the continued support and success of our diverse Latino population. We will continue to be enriched by the transcultural contributions of our Latino friends and neighbors for many decades to come, and we will continue to make efforts to create an inclusive environment where we all can thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Jill Techel, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, in deep appreciation to the diverse Latino population of the City of Napa, do hereby proclaim **September 15th through October 15th to be Latino Heritage Month** in the City of Napa and call upon the people of our community to observe this month with appropriate respect, ceremonies, and activities.

Dated: September 17, 2019

JILL TECHEL, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA