



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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PROCLAMATION

The City of Del Rey Oaks City Council Hereby Honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Since our founding, our Nation has drawn strength from the diversity of our people; and

WHEREAS, With faith and passion, a sturdy work ethic and profound devotion to family, Hispanics have helped carry forward our legacy as a vibrant beacon of opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Whether their ancestors have been here for generations or they are among the newest members of our American family, they represent many countries and cultures, each adding their own distinct and dynamic perspective to our country's story; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month (NHHM) pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, and who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson implemented the observance of Hispanic Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, This observation was expanded to its current 30 day period from September 15 to Oct 15 and enacted into public law under President Ronald Reagan on 1988; and

WHEREAS, September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the commemoration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Hispanic countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, who all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21 respectively; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans continue to enrich our community with cultural, educational and political influences that can be seen in all aspects of our life; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an important reminder of how much strength we draw as a Nation from our immigrant roots and our values as a Nation of immigrants; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Scott Donaldson, Mayor of the City of Del Rey Oaks, do hereby proclaim September 15-October 15, 2024 as National Hispanic Month in the City of Del Rey Oaks and I urge all citizens to embrace the diversity that strengthens us and continue striving to ensure the American dream is within reach for generation of Hispanics to come.

Signed this 24th day of September 2024

Scott Donaldson, Mayor