

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the Town of Dundee recognizes that Hispanic heritage is American heritage, and we see that influence in almost every aspect of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 through the legislative encouragement of Congressman Esteban Torres of California, to cover the period at which it is celebrated today (September 15th – October 15th); and

**WHEREAS**, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, in the words of famed Mexican designer, Marisol Peralta, “Your individuality is important, but so is belonging. Recognize the parts of your culture that have shaped your past, and the parts you want to carry with you into the future.”; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed by the Town of Dundee, that on this day, we recognize September 15, 2024 thru October 15, 2024 as

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in recognition of the indelible footprints of Hispanic Culture in our daily lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand caused the seal of the Town of Dundee, Florida to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

TOWN OF DUNDEE, FLORIDA

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Samuel Pennant, Mayor

Attest:

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Lita O'Neill, Town Clerk