



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

PROCLAMATION

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS: Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of Hispanic American and to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and Culture; and

WHEREAS: the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, but was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1968, calling upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS: this observance celebrates the culture and traditions of people whose ancestry can be traced to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean Islands; and

WHEREAS: the 2010 U.S. Census estimates that almost 30 percent of Forest Park's population are Hispanic and Latino residents; and

WHEREAS: these Hispanic and Latino residents play a unique and vital role in our economy and workforce as well as our faith communities and social tapestry; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Forest Park recognize October 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Forest Park. We urge our citizens and stakeholders to use the month of October to educate themselves on the contribution of immigrants to our local community.

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