



PROCLAMATION

Hispanic Heritage Month 2025

WHEREAS, Sept. 15 is the anniversary of independence from the Spanish Empire for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and Mexico and Chile achieved independence on Sept. 16 and 18, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans bring a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities and religious traditions that are part of the fabric of America; and

WHEREAS, between 1968 and 1988, Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan issued a series of annual proclamations that designated a week in September containing Sept. 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress adopted a resolution designating Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 of each year as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the United States highlights and celebrates the culture and traditions of Spanish-speaking residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic communities of North Carolina have been integral in the history, culture, governance, and economy of the state and will be a critical part of its future as their communities continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough is home to a growing Hispanic community that is involved the civic, cultural, and economic fabric of the town and continues to make substantial contributions to the overall quality of life in town; and

WHEREAS, regional organizations such as El Centro Hispano, El Futuro, El Pueblo and the Refugee Community Partnership provide many valuable services to Hispanic and Latino residents in Hillsborough and further strengthen the town as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Hillsborough does hereby proclaim Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month and calls upon all residents of Hillsborough to celebrate this month through activities and programs that enlighten and inspire our understanding of the amazing heritage of our Hispanic families, neighbors and friends.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hillsborough to be affixed this 8th day of September in the year 2025.

Mark Bell, Mayor
Town of Hillsborough