



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

“A Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future.”

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture, and it is important because it provides an opportunity to celebrate the integral part the Hispanic/Latino community has played in growing and strengthening our community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinos and Latinas have had on the United States, California, Fresno County, and Kerman; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month began as a week-long celebration in 1968 under President Johnson and was expanded to a month by President Reagan 20 years later in 1988. The month-long celebration provides more time to properly recognize the significant contributions Hispanic/Latino Americans have made in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month does not cover one single month but instead begins in the middle of September and ends in the middle of October. The timeframe of this month is significant because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these dates, beginning on September 15 with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. By aligning with these independence dates, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the resilience and determination of the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, Latinos and Latinas continue to shape our nation, as artists, business owners, community leaders, families, service men and women, public servants, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, We, the City Council of the City of Kerman, do hereby proclaim September 15th - October 15th, 2025 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage the citizens of Kerman to celebrate and honor Hispanic heritage.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 10th day of September 2025.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor