



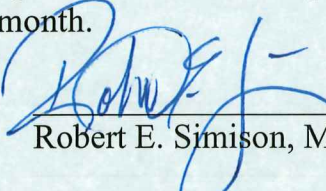
The Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize the rich histories, cultures, traditions, and achievements of people of Hispanic heritage while celebrating the enduring contributions they continue to make to our communities and our Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** national observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting September 15 and ending October 15 of each year and it was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and,
- WHEREAS,** this month's theme, "Unidos, Somos Más." "Together, We Are More" highlights unity, community resilience, and shared principles like family, perseverance, service, and creativity across diverse backgrounds; and,
- WHEREAS,** in Meridian and across the Nation, Hispanic residents, families, businesses, educators, artists, entrepreneurs, and community leaders like those found at the Idaho Hispanic Foundation contribute to the city's continued growth, innovation, cultural diversity, and civic life, helping build a welcoming, prosperous, and vibrant community for all.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2026 as

Hispanic Heritage Month

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to celebrate the rich history, cultures, and contributions of people of Hispanic heritage, recognize the important role they continue to play in the life of our community, and participate in activities that promote understanding, appreciation, and unity throughout the month.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2026


Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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