



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Hispanics have enriched and shaped our national character with traditions that span centuries, reflecting the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while bringing their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and,
- WHEREAS,** since the United States first celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and later a month-long celebration in 1988 under President Ronald Reagan, Hispanics have become an integral and thriving part of our diverse community; and,
- WHEREAS,** this month's theme, "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," calls us to embrace the rich traditions, stories, and contributions that bind our diverse communities. Through music, art, literature, and shared histories, we recognize the power of our collective heritage to shape a vibrant and inclusive future for all; and,
- WHEREAS,** in Meridian and across the Nation, the Hispanic community strengthens cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality through leadership, entrepreneurship, and cultural events, where families, businesses, and organizations come together to celebrate culture and foster growth.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2025 as

Hispanic Heritage Month

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic community and celebrate the many ways the Hispanic community contributes to our Nation and society.

Dated this 23th day of September, 2025

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Simison, written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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