

## **Proclamation**

## DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Whereas, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

Whereas, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and

Whereas, Hispanic heritage holds an indelible place in the heart and soul of our Nation, and National Hispanic Heritage Month reminds us that the American identity is a fabric of diverse traditions and stories woven together. Since the beginning, our country has drawn strength and insights from Hispanic writers. scientists. soldiers. doctors. entrepreneurs, academics, and leaders in labor and government. Our culture has been enriched by the rhythms, art, literature, and creativity of Hispanic peoples. And our deepest values have been informed by the love of family and faith that is at the core of so many Hispanic communities. All of these contributions help us realize the promise of America for all Americans.; and

**Whereas**, the City of Salida is committed to supporting all members of our community.

Now, therefore, the City of Salida does hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2024, as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Salida.