Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes Hispanic American contributions to US society and culture. Designated in 1968 when Congress passed Public Law 90-498 authorizing and requesting the President to issue an annual proclamation of National Hispanic Heritage during mid-September. September 15th marks the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16th and Chile celebrates its independence on September 18th; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to honor the many ways Hispanics, Latinos, and Latinx contribute to Tumwater, celebrate diverse cultures, and work toward a stronger, more inclusive, and prosperous community for all; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have made exceptional contributions throughout our history in areas including science, medicine, business, law, sports, education, government and military. Our culture has been enriched by the art, food, music, literature, and creativity of Hispanic people; and

WHEREAS, understanding the lived experiences of Hispanics in Tumwater is critical to the creation of City services, development, infrastructure, programs, and investments with mutual benefits for all who reside in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15, 2024

and I urge people to join me in learning and participating in events that celebrate the rich Hispanic cultural traditions.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, this 1st day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-four.

Debbie Sullivan

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Mayor