



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the histories, cultures, and contributions of our residents whose roots came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Africa, Central and South America, and many tracings their heritage from the original indigenous peoples of Latin America; and

**WHEREAS**, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, but was expanded by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period and enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 U.S. Census estimates that slightly over 14% of Whitewater's population are Hispanic or Latinx residents; and

**WHEREAS**, 40% of the students in the Whitewater Unified School District identify as Hispanic; And

**WHEREAS**, 9.5% of the students at the University of Whitewater, Wisconsin, identify as Hispanic; And

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whitewater joins the rest of the nation in recognizing the unique and vital role in our economy, workforce, education, and faith communities these Hispanic and Latinx residents contribute.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, John Weidl, City Manager of the City of Whitewater,  
Wisconsin do proclaim October 2025, as of proclaimed Spanish Heritage month in  
the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Weidl", written in a cursive style.

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John Weidl, City Manager