

# *Resolution No. 2023-*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2023 AS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, each year, our nation observes National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, to celebrate the heritage, history, traditions, and cultural diversity of Hispanic Americans whose heritage is rooted in 20 countries and territories, including: Spain, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, the observation started 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 on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402; and

**WHEREAS**, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the day that five Latin American countries celebrate their independence from Spain, to include: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Honduras. Mexico celebrates its independence on September 16 and Chile celebrates its independence on September 18. In addition, Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, or Día de la Raza, in mid-October, falls within this 30-day period; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has drawn strength and insights from Hispanic writers, scientists, soldiers, doctors, entrepreneurs, academics, and leaders in labor and government. Our collective culture has been enriched by the rhythms, art, literature, and creativity of Hispanic peoples. Some of our nation's deepest values have been informed by the love of family and faith that is at the core of so many Hispanic communities. National Hispanic Heritage Month is also a time to acknowledge the Hispanic leaders who have fought for equal justice to ensure that everyone in this nation can contribute their talents and have the opportunity to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino American culture and communities are extremely rich with diversity, while also sharing common threads that bind them all together. Therefore, the 2023 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is, "Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Solano County.

Dated this 3rd day of October 2023

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JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk