

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from September 15 through October 15 to recognize, honor, and celebrate the culture, history, and countless contributions of Americans whose ancestry originates from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, the roots of this observance date back to 1968, when it began as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was later expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988 under President Ronald Reagan, recognizing the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries, as well as the vibrant heritage and influence of Hispanic Americans across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 national theme is, "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future." This theme emphasizes celebrating the rich cultural traditions of Hispanic Heritage while looking forward to the future and the contributions of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino community represents a powerful force of leadership, resilience, creativity, and service—enriching our neighborhoods, fueling our local economy, educating our youth, protecting our health and safety, and contributing to every aspect of community life; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the deep historical legacies and contemporary achievements of Hispanic Americans—from artists and entrepreneurs to educators, innovators, and public servants—who have helped build and continue to elevate the promise of opportunity and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, as a city that values diversity, equity, and inclusion, we remain committed to fostering a community where the voices of all residents are heard, where heritage is respected, and where the full participation and leadership of Hispanic and Latino individuals are supported and encouraged across every sector; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2025, as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Angela Birney, Mayor
September 2025

