



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage, and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, September 15 - October 15 is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Hispanics and Latinos contribute to our common goals, to celebrate their diverse cultures, and to work towards a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace the Future," invites us to reflect on Hispanics and Latinos who have and continue to serve as civil rights leaders, community organizers, politicians, military service members, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, public servants, and in other important roles for our country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a significant and fast-growing demographic of the City of Redmond, and we honor the invaluable ways they contribute to our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2020, through October 15, 2020, as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Redmond and encourage our community to join us in celebrating the great contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to our city, state, and nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Birney", is written over a horizontal line.

Angela Birney, Mayor

September 15, 2020

Date

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