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Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month 2025: Honoring Diversity and Upholding Dignity

Hispanic Heritage Month, observed annually from September 15 to October 15, is not only a time to celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. It is also a time to affirm our collective responsibility to defend these communities against injustice. In Los Angeles County, where nearly half of our residents identify as Latino, this month holds deep personal and political meaning.

What began in 1968 as a week-long recognition, championed by Los Angeles Congressman Edward R. Roybal and signed into proclamation by President Lyndon B. Johnson, was expanded to a full month in 1988 through legislation supported by President Ronald Reagan. That expansion recognized a truth that remains clear today: the impact of Latino communities cannot be contained within a single week.

Today, the Hispanic and Latino population exceeds 62.5 million nationwide, representing nearly 19 percent of the U.S. population and approximately 49.5 percent of Los Angeles County residents. These communities continue to shape every sector of American life, including labor, public service, education, science, the arts, small business, and grassroots organizing.

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Hispanic Heritage Month also aligns with the Independence Days of several Latin American countries:

- September 15: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua
- September 16: Mexico
- September 18: Chile

This year's observance comes at a time of profound concern. At the very start of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Supreme Court has issued a decision authorizing roving immigration patrols across Los Angeles County and surrounding regions. This ruling allows federal officers to stop individuals based solely on their language, occupation, or physical appearance. This is not public safety. This is discrimination.

The timing of the decision is especially alarming. It sends a dangerous and harmful message to the very communities this month is meant to uplift. It will only deepen the fear, trauma, and disruption experienced by thousands of Angeleno families who contribute daily to the strength, economy, and cultural fabric of our region.

This ruling effectively legalizes racial profiling and dismantles civil rights protections that communities have fought for over generations. ICE raids have torn apart families and inflicted real harm on innocent people, including U.S. citizens, breaking down public trust in government and undermining the values we hold dear.

Los Angeles County stands in full opposition to this decision. We remain unwavering in our commitment to protect the rights, safety, and dignity of all residents,

regardless of immigration status. We will continue to use every legal avenue, policy tool, and community partnership to push back against unconstitutional and racially motivated enforcement.

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we do so with purpose and resolve. This is not only a time for recognition. It is a time to stand together. The First District proudly honors individuals and organizations whose leadership, heritage, and contributions reflect the strength and resilience of the Latino community. Their work is building a more just, inclusive, and united Los Angeles County for all:

- Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna is recognized for his dedicated leadership and commitment to public safety across the diverse communities of Los Angeles County. With decades of law enforcement experience, Sheriff Luna has worked to reduce crime, strengthen ~~d~~Departmental accountability, improve transparency, and promote trust between the Sheriff's Department and the residents it serves.
- Ambassador Cynthia Telles is honored for her lifelong dedication to public health, diplomacy, and advancing Latino representation. She served as the United States Ambassador to Costa Rica and has had a distinguished career as a professor and mental health advocate. Ambassador Telles has been a trailblazer at the intersection of international service and community wellness, paving the way for future generations of Latinas in public service and leadership. She

currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, as a First District appointee, where she continues her commitment to cultural and educational enrichment.

- Ray Sosa is recognized for his leadership and dedication to advancing transportation equity and community engagement. As a senior executive at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Ray has worked to improve access, mobility, and sustainability across the region. He was part of the original Eastside Extension project in East Los Angeles and is now leading the next phase of the extension, continuing his commitment to serving historically underserved communities. His efforts focus on creating inclusive transportation policies that serve diverse communities and foster economic opportunity.
- Diane Medina is a visionary leader in media, arts, and culture, with a career spanning major broadcast networks and decades of mentorship. She has been a passionate advocate for accurate representation of Latinos in media and for expanding opportunities for women and people of color in leadership. As the Managing Director of the Latino Theater Company (LATC), Diane uses the arts to celebrate cultural expression and empower communities. She has also served on the boards of The Music Center and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, as a First District appointee, where she contributed her

expertise to advancing these important cultural institutions.

- Dr. William David~~.~~ Estrada is honored for his outstanding contributions as a historian, educator, and ~~cultural~~ museum curator dedicated to preserving and illuminating the diverse histories of Los Angeles County. An Angeleno, born and raised in East LA, Dr. Estrada serves~~d~~ as ~~the~~ Curator and Chair of History at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, where his work centers~~ed~~ on the social and cultural history of 19th- and ~~early~~ 20th-century Los Angeles. He has curated numerous exhibitions and published widely on Los Angeles and California history, including his award-winning book, The Los Angeles Plaza: Sacred and Contested Space. His scholarship has deepened public understanding and appreciation ~~of~~for the city's multiethnic heritage and continues to shape how future generations engage with the history of our region.
- Gabriela Eddy is honored for her powerful grassroots organizing and unwavering commitment to equity. Through her work with Strength Based Community Change (SBCC), and specifically its I Heart East LA program, Gabriela has helped cultivate long-term resident leadership and deepen civic engagement within historically underrepresented communities. She has worked closely with East LA residents to ensure that community voices are not only heard but are driving meaningful and lasting change.
- The Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM) is a vital

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organization that has for decades empowered immigrant families and Mexican-origin communities through education, advocacy, and transnational collaboration. COFEM's commitment to civic participation, cultural pride, and immigrant integration has had a lasting impact across Los Angeles County.

- Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef) is recognized as one of the leading nonprofit legal service providers in the country, fighting tirelessly to defend the rights of immigrants facing deportation. Their work ensures that due process and dignity are not denied to those who lack resources or face unjust enforcement. In the face of growing anti-immigrant policies, ImmDef's attorneys, advocates, and staff continue to stand on the front lines of the movement for justice.

The leadership and dedication of these honorees embody the resilience, strength, and spirit of our community. As we recognize their contributions this Hispanic Heritage Month, we reaffirm our ongoing commitment to support and advance the well-being of all communities across Los Angeles County. Together, we will continue building a fairer, more inclusive, and stronger region for everyone.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Los Angeles County, and acknowledge the contributions of Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna, Ambassador Cynthia Telles, Ray Sosa, Diane Medina, Dr.

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William Estrada, Gabriela Eddy, the Council of Mexican Federations in North America (COFEM), and the Immigrant Defenders Law Center (ImmDef); and

2. Waive parking fees in the amount of $5,000 ~~$750~~ for 250 ~~150~~ vehicles at Lot 14, excluding the cost of liability insurance, on Friday, October 3, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for community members attending the First District's Hispanic Heritage Month Reception.

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