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MAY 5, 2026

Honoring Cinco de Mayo and the Enduring Resilience of Mexican American and Immigrant Communities

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the historic victory of the Mexican army over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, a defining moment that reflects the courage, determination, and unity of the Mexican people in defense of their sovereignty. In Los Angeles County, a region with deep historical roots tied to Mexico, the holiday was once marked by civic celebration and public pride.

Over time, its meaning has expanded beyond this single event to carry broader cultural and historical significance. In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has become a celebration of Mexican American heritage, honoring the traditions, contributions, and lasting influence of Mexican American communities across the nation.

At a time when Mexican Americans and Latinos, including immigrants, face harmful rhetoric and exclusionary policies advanced by the Trump administration, this observance stands as a powerful affirmation of resilience. It underscores that these communities are not only integral to our shared history, but indispensable to the nation’s strength and future. In Los Angeles County, Cinco de Mayo serves as an opportunity to recognize that enduring legacy, uplift community voices, and reaffirm a commitment to

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equity, inclusion, and respect for all.

I, **THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors recognize May 5, 2026 as Cinco de Mayo and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of the Mexican American and immigrant communities.

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