



Spencer J. Cox

Governor
Declaration

Whereas, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the vast contributions made by Hispanics and Latinos within the state of Utah and across the nation;

Whereas, the history of Utah cannot be discussed without acknowledging the history and influence of the Hispanic and Latino people within the region;

Whereas, Utah's Hispanic population accounts for 15% of the state's residents and represents the largest demographic within racially and ethnically diverse groups;

Whereas, since 2010, the population of the Hispanic community has grown by 38%, vastly outpacing the national average;

Whereas, Hispanics and Latinos have enriched Utah and we celebrate their culture, traditions, and heritage;

Whereas, they have a profound and positive impact through their economic contributions and their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, community service, and civic engagement;

Whereas, we acknowledge the generations of Hispanic and Latino Utahns who have served in the Armed Forces, in government, as first responders, advocates, educators, scientists, lawyers, entrepreneurs, essential workers and frontline service providers, artists, and private and public sector leaders;

Whereas, we benefit from the many contributions of Hispanic and Latino health workers across the state who are helping us fight COVID-19 on the frontlines, particularly community health workers or *Promotoras/es*;

Whereas, our communities are also represented by a vast Latino and Hispanic youth voice, contributing the largest share of any other group and our state will be shaped by our generations of young leaders who are entering the education system, workforce, and community space to create a hopeful future for all;

Whereas, we honor the resilience of those past and present who have strived and sacrificed to overcome many challenges, often in the face of prejudice, in order to embrace the opportunities of the American Dream for themselves and their families; and,

Whereas, together we recognize the Hispanic and Latino community in the state of Utah, acknowledging and celebrating their many achievements and applauding their proud legacy of service and dedication to our nation and our state;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare September 15 through October 15, 2021, as

Hispanic Heritage Month in Utah

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