



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the culture and contributions of Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean; and

Whereas: The observation started in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period beginning every year on Sept. 15; and

Whereas: The month of September is significant because it marks the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, which celebrate on Sept. 15, Mexico on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18; and

Whereas: Hispanic residents represent Bellevue's third largest population group comprising almost seven percent of the population; and

Whereas: The cultural, educational, familial and economic capital of Hispanic community members enrich all aspects of life here in Bellevue, on the Eastside and in the Puget Sound region; and

Whereas: The city invites the Bellevue community to attend on of the multiple events the city is hosting in partnership with community organizations including the Fiesta del Maíz on Oct. 5 at Crossroads Park and a Día de Muertos event on November 1.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2024**, as:

National Hispanic Heritage Month

And call upon all Bellevue residents to observe this month and celebrate the contribution of our Hispanic neighbors with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue