

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage, and 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 population of the City of Renton is approximately 15.6% Hispanic or Latino; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson, was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America," celebrates Hispanic Heritage and reflects on the economic contributions of Latinos in America., encouraging us to reflect on the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will make in the future; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics serve as civil rights leaders, community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of Renton;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2023, to be

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 9th day of October, 2023.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington