



RESOLUTION

Proclaiming September 15, 2024, to October 15, 2024 HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Week, was first observed in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, and was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month by President Ronald Reagan and enacted into law as an annual proclamation in 1988, to a month-long period, starting September 15; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population living in the continental United States at over 62,100,000, plus an additional 3,300,000 living in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, making Hispanic Americans 18.9 percent of the total population of the United States and the nation's second largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic residents comprise 32 percent of the population of Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS, the day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, throughout history and into the current day, Hispanic people have made significant contributions in fields such as education, government, science, law, medicine, entertainment, literature, sports, and the military, thereby enhancing and shaping the vibrancy of the United States with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Hanover Township officials, staff, and volunteers are committed to continuing efforts to conduct outreach to Hispanic communities of the Township and urges all residents to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities that celebrate the contributions of Hispanic peoples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, Cook County, Illinois, that September 15, 2024, to October 15, 2024, is Hispanic Heritage Month in Hanover Township.

Dated: September 17, 2024

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto to set our hands and caused the seal of Hanover Township to be affixed hereto.

Trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie

Trustee Craig Essick

Trustee Eugene N. Martinez

Trustee Denise Noyola

Supervisor Brian P. McGuire

Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer

