



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

HISPANIC HERITAGE HISTORY MONTH September 15th to October 15th, 2020

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the history, culture and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, and the nations of Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

WHEREAS, 50 years after the United States first observed what was then National Hispanic Heritage Week, begun under President Lyndon Johnson, Hispanics represent a vibrant and thriving part of our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, as of July 1, 2019, the Hispanic population of the United States was 60.6 million people, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority (18.5% of the total U.S. population); and

WHEREAS, this year's theme - *Hispanics: Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace the Future* - invites Hispanics to embrace their backgrounds, to be proud of who they are and where they came from; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim September 15th to October 15th, 2020 as *Hispanic Heritage Month* and call upon all residents to encourage all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

Signed this 15th Day of September, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Gregerson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor

