

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION BY THE SELECT BOARD

WHEREAS: EACH YEAR AMERICANS OBSERVE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH BY CELEBRATING THE HISTORIES, CULTURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME FROM SPAIN, MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA; AND

WHEREAS: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR TOWN'S HISTORY, WE RECOGNIZE HISPANIC PEOPLE HERE AND ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES, AS WE PAY RESPECT TO THE CULTURES AND POPULATIONS AND CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL HISPANIC PEOPLES TO THE CULTURE OF DIVERSITY, INNOVATION AND RESILIENCE THAT HAS HAD AN INDELIBLE IMPACT ON THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS: THE OBSERVATION STARTED IN 1968 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK UNDER PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND WAS EXPANDED BY PRESIDENT RONALD REGAN IN 1988 THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONGRESSMEMBER ESTEBAN TORRES OF CALIFORNIA TO COVER THE PERIOD AT WHICH IT IS CELEBRATED TODAY; AND

WHEREAS: NEARLY 480 YEARS AGO, THE RECORDED HISPANIC HERITAGE HAS BEEN A PART OF THE DNA OF AMERICAN CULTURE WITH UNDENIABLE INFLUENCE IN EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULINARY ARTS AND GOVERNANCE; AND

WHEREAS: IN THE WORDS OF CESAR CHAVES "PRESERVATION OF ONE'S OWN CULTURE DOES NOT REQUIRE CONTEMPT OR DISRESPECT FOR OTHER CULTURES" AND THUS CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ROBUST HISPANIC DIASPORA; TO INCLUDE SPAIN, PUERTO RICO, COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, EL SALVADOR, BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, PARAGUAY, PERU, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA; AND

NOW, THEREFORE: ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE SELECT BOARD, WE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH, 2023, AS

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

IN THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS AND ENCOURAGE ALL FAITH BASED AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS TO ACKNOWLEDGE, HONOR, VALUE AND CELEBRATE HISPANIC PEOPLES HISTORIC AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS LOCALLY AND BEYOND, WHILE ALSO RECOGNIZING THE ONGOING AND INTERCONNECTED STRUGGLES OF ALL HISPANIC COMMUNITIES LOCALLY AND BEYOND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS, THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

SWAMPSCOTT SELECT BOARD



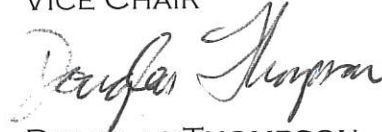
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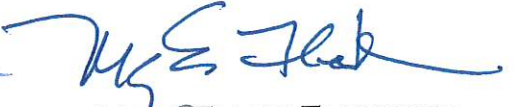
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