



VILLAGE OF BOYS TOWN

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, established nationally in 1988 by Public Law 100-402, honors the culture, history, and achievements of Hispanic people, recognizing Hispanics, Latinos, and Latin American people in the United States for their many contributions to American society; and

WHEREAS, the starting date of the annual celebration, September 15, is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community makes up the largest ethnic minority group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the history, culture, art, food, music, and traditions that define the lives of Hispanic people are integral to every aspect of our society; and

WHEREAS, the national theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation." This theme encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino/Latinx communities have had a monumental impact on the cultural fabric of our state and nation, made meaningful contributions to social and economic progress, strengthen our economy as business leaders and entrepreneurs, cultivate a strong agricultural industry, enrich our schools and education system, and serve as leaders in our community; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to appreciate our freedom, to celebrate diversity, and to build upon our American tradition of embracing people of all cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by Mark Gutierrez, President of LOUD (Latinx Organization Understanding Diversity) Employee Resource Group, on behalf of the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, that September 15 - October 15, 2024, is

"HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

In the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, we encourage all citizens to celebrate the history and culture of America's Hispanic and Latino/Latinx with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Duly adopted this 1st day of October 2024.

Mark Gutierrez for the Village of Boys Town