



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the cultures, traditions, histories, heritage, and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who trace their roots to Spain or what is today known as Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, September 15-October 15 is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Hispanics, Chicana/os, and Latina/os contribute to our common goals, to celebrate their diverse and rich cultures, and to work together towards a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *"Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope,"* invites us to celebrate Hispanic, Chicana/o, and Latina/o Heritage, inspires us to hold onto our resilience and hope, encourages us to reflect on all the contributions Hispanics, Chicana/os, and Latina/os have made in the past and will continue to make in the future, and reminds us that we are stronger together; and


WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latina/o Americans represent a significant and fast-growing demographic of the City of Redmond, and we honor the invaluable contributions they make to our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2021, through October 15, 2021, as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Redmond and encourage our community to join us in celebrating the great contributions of Hispanic and Latina/o Americans to our city, state, and nation.





Angela Birney, Mayor

September 15, 2021
Date