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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, celebrates the histories, cultures, traditions, values, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, this significant observation began as a weekly celebration in 1968 known as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson. It was then enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, by President Ronald Regan, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies and events conveying respect, awareness, and understanding of the lived experiences of Hispanics, Chicana/os, and Latina/os; and

WHEREAS, reflected in the most recent U.S. Census (2020), 62.6 million people claim these identities making this collective the largest racial-ethnic population in America at 18.9 percent. In the City of Redmond, the Hispanic, Chicana/o, and Latina/o American population represents a significant and fast-growing demographic; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 National Hispanic Heritage Month theme is, "Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One," which embodies the heart of Redmond, reflecting the City's beliefs, practices, and aspirations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2023, as

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Redmond and encourage our community to join us in reflecting and celebrating the significant contributions of Hispanic, Chicana/o, and Latina/o Americans to making Redmond a great city.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Birney", is written over a horizontal line.

Angela Birney, Mayor

September 15, 2023

Date

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