

City of Santa Clara
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Mexico had been under Spanish rule for three centuries when, on September 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rallied and united the people of Mexico towards independence with the call of Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores), demanding the end of Spanish rule; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, Mexicans throughout the world gather to celebrate and reflect upon the history and individuals that led to and shaped their country's independence; and
- WHEREAS,** Mes Patrio or "Patriotic Month" refers to the month of September in Mexico, when the country celebrates its independence from Spain. The celebrations culminate with the Grito de Dolores on the evening of September 15th and Mexican Independence Day on September 16th, commemorating the call to arms by Father Miguel Hidalgo in 1810; and
- WHEREAS,** Santa Clara is a culturally diverse city, and is proud to be home to many residents of Mexican heritage; among all Hispanic or Latino residents, including those born in the United States, 54 percent identify Mexican as their primary ancestry; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara has been increasingly shaped by the economic, social, and cultural contributions of the Mexican community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 16th as

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the City of Santa Clara and encourages residents across the city to join in celebrating the remarkable history and heritage of Mexican Independence and wishes all who celebrate a happy Mes Patrio.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 16th day of September 2025.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 6



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