

*City of Santa Clara*  
**Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** each year, federal and local governments observe National Hispanic Heritage Month between September 15 to October 15, paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society; and
- WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and
- WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, and has been recognized annually since; and
- WHEREAS,** September 15th is a significant starting date for National Hispanic Heritage Month because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; in addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16th and September 18th, respectively; and
- WHEREAS,** as of 2025, Hispanic or Latina/o residents represent nearly 16 percent of Santa Clara's population and are a vital part of the region's rich history, economy, culture, and 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 15 - October 15, 2025, as

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

in the City of Santa Clara and encourage all citizens to observe this month by learning more about the rich history of the Hispanic and Latina/o community and their significant contributions to our nation's history.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 23rd day of September 2025.



**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 6



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