

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2022 – 162

*“Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation”*

**WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month** is observed each year from September 15 through October 15 in recognition of the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States; and

**WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month,** Americans celebrate the history, culture, and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking continents of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS, the observance of HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** started in 1968 as *Hispanic Heritage Week* under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15 pursuant to Public Law 100-402; and

**WHEREAS, the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, Chile, and Belize** celebrate the anniversaries of their independence during **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**; and

**WHEREAS, Florida** has the third largest population of Hispanics in the Nation, with a Hispanic population of 26.4% in the State and 14.8% in Hernando County; and

**WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Hispanic and Latino men and women** serving our country in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS, Hispanics in the United States** have helped establish America as a place of freedom and opportunity, and their contributions as leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and members of our Armed Forces continue to enrich our Nation’s character; and

**WHEREAS, cultural diversity and optimism for a brighter future** are part of our Nation’s greatest strengths; and

**WHEREAS, HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** celebrates the thousands of Hispanics in Hernando County, whose strong sense of community, patriotism, work ethic, faith, and love of family help to unite us all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim September 15, 2022 through October 15, 2022 as **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in Hernando County.


**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all its citizens to observe **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** with the appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.


**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, A.D.


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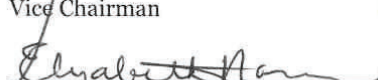
  
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