

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2025 –

“Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future”

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, 2025, through October 15, 2025, 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 9th day of September 2025, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:

Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

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