

Proclamation

City of El Segundo, California

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage week under President Johnson was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, the date September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin America countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico and Chile celebrate their Independence Day on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "**Esperanza**; A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope," encourages us to reflect on the legacy of Hispanic people who have influenced our nation's history and serve today as leaders in all aspects of our national life from the Supreme Court and halls of Congress to boardrooms and Main Streets across all of the United States; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the many ways that Hispanics have enriched the fabric of our society while also rededicating ourselves to supporting our Hispanic and Latinx communities, and ensuring that El Segundo is an equitable and welcoming place for all; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx communities represent a significant and important demographic of the City of El Segundo, we honor the invaluable ways they contribute to our great city through cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 21st day of September, 2021, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of El Segundo, California, hereby proclaim September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021 as "**Hispanic Heritage Month**", and encourage all residents and employees to celebrate the unique and vibrant history of the Hispanic community.



Mayor Drew Boyles

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Pirsztuk

Council Member Scot Nicol

Council Member Chris Pimentel

Council Member Lance Giroux