

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latine people represent a vibrant and flourishing part of the diverse growing community that has been instrumental to the development of Washington since the Spanish exploration of the Olympic Peninsula; their histories and cultures stretch across centuries and the contributions of those who are from and come to our shores today in search of their dreams continue to add new chapters in our state's story; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latine people serve honorably in our Armed Forces, through dedication and sacrifice, defending the values we hold dear, an increased entrepreneurial spirit driving economic growth; transform industries with creativity and resilience to produce a thriving economy; are elected officials, public servants, essential workers, agriculture workers, teachers and leaders; and have led and inspired movements that have made our state more equal and more just; and

WHEREAS, many Latin Americans trace their roots to the rich tapestry of cultures and histories of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, including the Arawaks, Aztecs, Incas, Mayans, and the Tainos; others trace their roots to the Spanish or to the Africans who were enslaved and built our country; and

WHEREAS, Washington has experienced a 14.55 percent population growth since the 2010 Census, accompanied by increased diversity; the Hispanic community now constitutes 13.75 percent of the state's population: Yakima, Franklin and Adams counties boasting the highest percentages; and

WHEREAS, in observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we pay tribute to the rich heritage of the Hispanic and Latine community with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs and celebrate its countless achievements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2024, as

Hispanic Heritage Month

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2024.



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

