


State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Latinos and Hispanics have enriched Iowa communities since the late 1800's and play a vital role in Iowa's economy and workforce with cultural, educational, and political influences. This can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Iowans of Latino and Hispanic origin make up six percent of the state's populations, making it the largest race or ethnic minoritized group in the state; and

WHEREAS, Latinos are individuals that are from or are descendants from Latin America and may speak Creole, Dutch, English, Italian, Spanish, Patois, Portuguese, French, and many regional Indigenous languages such as Quechua, Aymara, Guarani, Mayan, Nahuatl, and more; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics are individuals that speak Spanish and are descendants from Spanish speaking countries, including Spain; and

WHEREAS, Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant traditions of people whose ancestry can be traced to the Caribbean Islands, Central America, Mexico, South America for Latinos, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the 2019 national theme, "Latino and Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving Our Nation", we celebrate more than 5,000 years of history and heritage of Latino and Hispanic Americans:

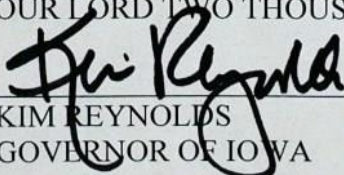
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2019 - October 15, 2019 as

LATINO AND HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

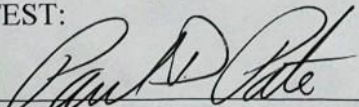
in Iowa and urge citizens to observe this month by increasing their awareness of the valuable ways Latinos and Hispanics have contributed to our state's prosperity.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE