
State of Iowa
Executive Department

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

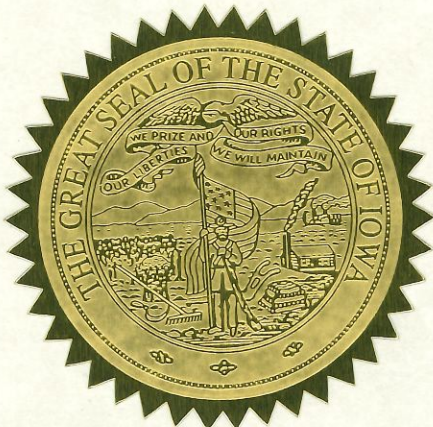
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Latinos have been a part of the land that is Iowa since before its statehood and continue to influence the future of the state; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition that Latinos are persons in the United States who are descendants or were born in Central America, the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, or South America; and that many descend from Native Americans from those regions whose indigenous civilizations developed and thrived thousands of years before Columbus reached the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of Latinos as people unique to the new world as a result of indigenous people, European colonizers and enslaved Africans in Latin America living together over five centuries; Latinos are a people referred to by philosopher José Vasconcelos as “The Cosmic Race” to reflect the joining of races and cultures; and
- WHEREAS,** Latino Heritage Month is an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the culture and traditions of Latino people; and
- WHEREAS,** Latinos enrich Iowa communities with cultural, educational, and political influences that can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of our life, from farm-workers who may struggle for housing and equal wages to incredibly gifted artists, professionals, owners of vibrant businesses, and leaders, and as a community that offers education and community gatherings through art, music and festivals:

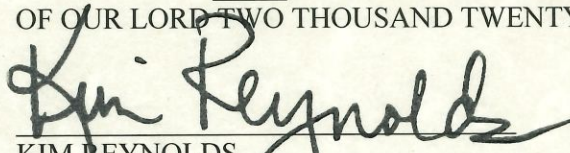
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2021 as

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

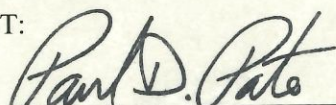
And I urge citizens to increase their cultural awareness to learn and celebrate the important contributions of Latinos in Iowa.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE.


KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE