

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2019 AS LATINO HERITAGE MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week was first celebrated nationally in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson and subsequently expanded to Latino Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15 under President Ronald Regan; and

WHEREAS, each successive President has continued this tradition calling upon the people of our nation to observe Latino Heritage Month with appropriate respect, ceremonies, and activities honoring the contributions of Latinos; and

WHEREAS, Latino Heritage Month celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th and Chile on September 18th; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County is home to a growing multiethnic and multicultural Latino population, including Hispanic-American residents and citizens originating from Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, currently comprising 26% of Mendocino County's population with an entering kindergarten population in 2018-19 that was 46.5% Latino; and

WHEREAS, the diverse Latino population of Mendocino County is woven into and enriches and strengthens the fabric of every aspect of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Latino population of Mendocino County has many profound positive influences on our community, making significant social, cultural and economic contributions through strong commitment to family, faith, education, hard work, vibrant culture, and service; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County, thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all of our people and welcomes the continued participation, support and success of our diverse Latino friends and neighbors for many decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2019 to be Latino Heritage Month in Mendocino County.

Dated: 9/17/2019

Carre Brown, Chair