

*City of Albany*  
*Proclamation*

**IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Albany is home to people whose ancestry represents many nations, each adding their own distinct and dynamic perspective to our city's story; and

**WHEREAS**, September 15th is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries; Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

**WHEREAS**, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans have contributed to our prosperity and culture throughout the history of our City, the State of California, and our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans are the artists enriching our city, the entrepreneurs building our economy, scientists and engineers, educators and social leaders, and the brave men and women serving in our military; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to increase Hispanic cultural awareness and diversity by paying tribute to the valuable contributions made by Hispanic Americans to our business, cultural, and educational communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany declared itself a Sanctuary City recognizing the dignity and civil rights of all community members including the right of all community members to live, work, and study in a City that does not subject them to prejudicial treatment or discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany City Council reaffirmed that we welcome and value all of our diverse community members regardless of where they are from.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim that September 15 through October 15, 2018 to be Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Albany, celebrating Hispanic culture, traditions, and achievements.

  
PEGGY MCQUAID, MAYOR