

Proclamation Declaring Hispanic Heritage Month in San Leandro

WHEREAS, during Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the immeasurable contributions and unique stories of one of San Leandro's largest and growing ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, while members of this community share a common connection to countries in the Americas, their ancestry connects them to origins around the world, including Europe, Africa, Asia, and the indigenous communities of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, "la comunidad latina e hispana" is deeply rooted in both California's and San Leandro's history, identity and success; and

WHEREAS, we embrace the cultural diversity and richness shared by Hispanic individuals, families, and communities within our city; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the Hispanic leaders who have stayed the course in the struggle for equal justice to ensure that everyone in San Leandro can contribute their talents and have the opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS, since 1968, National Hispanic Heritage Month has commenced each year on the anniversary of independence of numerous Latin American countries and whose 2024 theme is *"Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together";* and

WHEREAS, we in San Leandro take great pride in recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Juan González III, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2024, as Hispanic Heritage Month in San Leandro and encourage San Leandro's residents to join us in celebrating the great contributions of the Hispanic and Latin American community to our city, state, and nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 16^{th} day of September 2024.

Juan González III, Mayor City of San Leandro