



# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

## Proclamation

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month 2025 will last from Monday, September 15, 2025  
through Wednesday, October 15, 2025

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month actually began as a commemorative week when it was first introduced in June of 1968 by California Congressman George E. Brown; and

**WHEREAS**, On September 17, 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-48, officially authorizing and requesting the president to issue annual proclamations declaring September 15 and 16 to mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Week and called upon the “people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, The timing of Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations. September 15 was chosen as the kickoff because it coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of five “Central American neighbors,” Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Those five nations declared their independence from Spain on September 15, 1821; and

**WHEREAS**, Not all of the contributions made by Hispanic Americans to our society are so visible or so widely celebrated, however. Hispanic Americans have enriched our nation beyond measure with the quiet strength of closely knit families and proud communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** I, MAYOR STEPHEN ZOLLMAN, do hereby Proclaim September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 – October 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 as HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2025.

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Stephen Zollman, Mayor