



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Latino Heritage Month

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol joins the State of California and communities across the nation in observing Latino Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15, 2026, honoring the histories, cultures, and contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans; and

Whereas, California is home to more than 15 million Latinos, the state's largest ethnic group, whose roots trace across the Americas, the Indigenous communities of Latin America, and Africa; and generations of Latinos have helped build our state's economy, culture, and civic life since before statehood; and

Whereas, Sonoma County's Latino community is an integral part of our region's identity, contributing to our local economy through agriculture, hospitality, and small business ownership, and enriching our community through art, music, food, and family traditions celebrated each year at events such as Fiesta de Independencia and other regional gatherings; and

Whereas, Latino residents of Sebastopol contribute daily to the vitality of our schools, businesses, farms, and civic organizations, and their leadership and service strengthen the social fabric of our entire community; and

Whereas, this observance offers an opportunity for all Sebastopol residents to learn about, celebrate, and support the achievements and ongoing contributions of Latino and Hispanic Americans, and to advance a community that is welcoming and inclusive of all;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jill McLewis, on behalf of the entire City Council of Sebastopol do hereby proclaim Sept. 15, 2026 to be Jim Corbett/ Mr. Music Day in the City of Sebastopol, in honor of Mr. Corbett's many, many years of bringing music to the children and community of Sebastopol and for establishing our city as the home of Peacetown USA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this day, September 15, 2026

Jill McLewis
Mayor, City of Sebastopol