Agenda Item No: 4.b.

MEETING DATE/TIME: 9/3/2025

ITEM NO: 2025-974



AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT: Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council Recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah.

City Manager / **DEPARTMENT:** PREPARED BY: Maria Ceja, Administrative Analyst Admin

PRESENTER: Douglas F. Crane, Mayor or other Councilmember

ATTACHMENTS:

Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Summary: The Ukiah City Council will issue a proclamation recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah.

Background:

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15th through October 15th to honor the histories, cultures, and lasting contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. The City of Ukiah is proud to join in this observance, recognizing the local Hispanic/Latino community whose influence is woven into the city's cultural, social, and economic fabric.

Hispanic and Latino residents, including City employees, elected officials, educators, business leaders, community organizations, and grassroots advocates, have enriched Ukiah by fostering cultural understanding, advancing education, supporting civic life, and strengthening community connections. Their contributions span across the arts, public service, business, and beyond, reflecting a legacy of resilience and achievement that continues to shape our community. By recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month, the City of Ukiah reaffirms its commitment to honoring diversity and promoting an inclusive community for all residents.

Discussion: At the September 3, 2025, Regular Meeting, the City Council will issue a Proclamation (Attachment 1) recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah. The proclamation highlights the invaluable contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities and invites residents to participate in celebrations and activities that honor Hispanic culture, history, and traditions.

Recommended Action: Issue a Proclamation of the Ukiah City Council recognizing September as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah.

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED: N/A

CURRENT BUDGET AMOUNT: N/A PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNT: N/A

FINANCING SOURCE: N/A

REVENUE: Yes / No **GRANT: Yes / No N/A**

PREVIOUS CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER NO.: N/A

COORDINATED WITH: Diversity and Equity Committee

STRATEGIC PLAN (SP): **SP 5C** - Create, sustain, and advance a diverse and inclusive workplace and workforce that reflects, values, and celebrates the diverse community we serve.

CLIMATE INITIATIVES (CI): N/A

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS (GP): N/A

Approved:

Sage Sangiacomo, City Manager





Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah

Whereas, the City of Ukiah recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month, known in Spanish as "Mes de la Herencia Hispana," and is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th; and

Thereas, the City of Ukiah recognizes that Hispanic Heritage is American Heritage, which we see in our everyday life, such as on television, in the music we hear and dance to, and in the food we eat. We all benefit from the many contributions of Hispanic scientists, doctors, engineers, politicians, civil rights leaders, etc.; and

Hispanic/Latino residents in our community including, City employees, Ukiah City Council members, educators, local Latino organizations, local business owners, and numerous grassroots leaders; and

Whereas, many Hispanic immigrants belonging to groups such as Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status holders, farm workers, and essential workers have come to this country and have fought for initiatives providing pathways to citizenship and the protection of the right to vote; and

Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, members of the Hispanic community have helped shape the social, political, and economic landscape of this country and our community; and

Whereas, the City of Ukiah is committed to recognizing Hispanic/Latino culture and heritage as an important part of the city and its strong, inclusive community and we encourage the community to educate themselves on Hispanic/Latino culture; and

Whereas, UVA (Ukiah Vecinos en Acción), and SPACE (School of Performing Arts Cultural Education), in collaboration with Periódico Al Punto, will host a celebration recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, September the 19th at the Alex R. Thomas Plaza, Downtown Ukiah. Additional details will be provided through social media announcements by event organizers.

Therefore, be it resolved, the City Council of the City of Ukiah acknowledges the many contributions that our Hispanic, Latin Americans, Chicanos, Indigenous, Latinx residents make to our community and hereby proclaim September as:

Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ukiah

Signed and sealed, this 3rd day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.