



County of Monterey

— BOARD OF SUPERVISORS — RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-331

Adopt Resolution Recognizing September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025, as **Hispanic Heritage Month in Monterey County**.....)

WHEREAS, In 1968, the United States Congress established the week of September 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Representative Esteban Torres of California introduced legislation to expand Hispanic Heritage Week into Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Congress enacted legislation under President Ronald Reagan to establish Hispanic Heritage Month as a national observance each year from September 15 through October 15; and

WHEREAS, These dates correspond with the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries, Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Chile, further underscoring the deep historic and cultural ties celebrated during this month; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed across the United States and in Monterey County with ceremonies, educational programs, cultural events, and activities organized by libraries, schools, corporations, government agencies, community groups, museums, and faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Latinos make up 60.8 percent of Monterey County's population and embody a profound commitment to family, community, hard work, resilience and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, The Latino community contributes greatly to the success and vitality of Monterey County through leadership and service in agriculture, education, the arts, hospitality, construction, small business, government, public safety, health care, and the Armed Forces, among many other professions and industries; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County honors the culture, history, and traditions of its Latino residents, and recognizes the invaluable contributions Latinos have made, and continue to make, toward shaping the county's progress and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Each year the County of Monterey takes this opportunity to recognize outstanding local leaders and organizations whose service has left a lasting impact on our communities, and in 2025 proudly honors **Señor Ines Marines** for his lifetime of advocacy in Pajaro and his tireless work on behalf of farmworkers' rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf our county and all our residents thereof, does hereby proclaim September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025, as **Hispanic Heritage Month** in Monterey County, encouraging all residents to join in celebrating the achievements, contributions, culture, and rich history of Latinos in our county and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of September 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels

