



PROCLAIMING  
SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2024  
LATINO HERITAGE MONTH  
HONORING TEATRO DE LAS AMÉRICAS

**WHEREAS,** LATINO HERITAGE MONTH TAKES PLACE ANNUALLY FROM SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH AS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE UNITY, HISTORY, AND DIVERSE CULTURES OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE OBSERVANCE BEGAN IN 1968 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK AND WAS OBSERVED ANNUALLY UNTIL 1988, WHEN IT WAS EXPANDED TO THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH TO RECOGNIZE THE ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AND HAS BEEN CELEBRATED ANNUALLY SINCE THEN; AND

**WHEREAS,** VENTURA COUNTY IS HOME TO A GROWING MULTIETHNIC AND MULTICULTURAL LATINO POPULATION COMPRISING 44 PERCENT OF OUR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING RESIDENTS ORIGINATING FROM MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, AND THE CARIBBEAN WHO ARE MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL FABRIC AND ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS,** TEATRO DE LAS AMÉRICAS HAS BEEN A VITAL PART OF THE CULTURAL FABRIC OF VENTURA COUNTY FOR 32 YEARS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THIS EXCEPTIONAL THEATRE GROUP HAS DEDICATED ITSELF TO PRESERVING AND PROMOTING HISPANIC AND LATINX HERITAGE THROUGH THE POWER OF BILINGUAL THEATER; AND

**WHEREAS,** TEATRO DE LAS AMÉRICAS HAS ENRICHED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTIC EXPRESSION, EDUCATION, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE; AND

**WHEREAS,** THROUGH ITS PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS, AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS, TEATRO DE LAS AMÉRICAS HAS FOSTERED A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF DIVERSE CULTURES; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TEATRO DE LAS AMÉRICAS TO THE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF VENTURA COUNTY ARE IMMEASURABLE.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEREBY RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 15TH TO OCTOBER 15TH, 2024 AS LATINO HERITAGE MONTH AND COMMEND TEATRO DE LAS AMÉRICAS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PRESERVING HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE AND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE AND CULTURALLY RICH COMMUNITY.

PRESENTED ON THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT