



HONORING
LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2023

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, VENTURA COUNTY BENEFITS FROM MANY LATINO-SERVING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS EL CONCILLO FAMILY SERVICES IN OXNARD, WITH THEIR PRIMARY MISSION OF SERVING THE UNDERSERVED LATINO COMMUNITY OF VENTURA COUNTY SINCE 1975 THROUGH DIRECT ASSISTANCE, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA IS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES, NURTURING AND SUSTAINING AN EQUITABLE WORKFORCE WHERE ALL INDIVIDUALS CAN THRIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT EXHIBITS DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING AT ALL LEVELS WHILE BUILDING A WORKFORCE THAT REPRESENTS THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER 15TH TO OCTOBER 15TH AS LATINO HERITAGE MONTH AND TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY AND LATINO-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS IN VENTURA COUNTY.

PRESENTED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MATT LAVIGNE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

JEFF GORELLI, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT