



**Proclamation**  
**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Whereas**, the U.S. population is comprised of some 62 million people of Hispanic ancestry making this population the largest minority in the United States; and

**Whereas**, each year Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors hailed from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

**Whereas**, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was expanded to a full month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988; and

**Whereas**, the starting date of the annual celebration, September 15, is the anniversary of independence of the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and is followed by the independence days of Mexico and Chile; and

**Whereas**, the cultural, educational, economic and political influences of Hispanic residents can be appreciated in all aspects of our life: from farm worker organizing for housing and equal wages, to incredible, gifted artists, to vibrant businesses, to music and community festivals; and

**Whereas**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity for Avondale residents to celebrate our freedom, our diversity, and to build upon our tradition of embracing people of all cultures.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all residents to join in recognition of this special occasion.

  
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Mayor

Attest:  
  
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City Clerk