

Proclamation
Hispanic Heritage Month

Whereas, the U.S. population is comprised of some 64 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 heritage, 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, 2024's Hispanic Heritage Month's theme is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together"; and

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

Whereas, The City Of Avondale recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month as an opportunity for Avondale residents to celebrate our freedom, our diversity, and to build upon our tradition of embracing people of all cultures; and


NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2024 through October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all residents to join us in recognition of the impact Hispanic heritage has on Avondale's history and culture.




Mayor Weise



Council Member Malone



Council Member White



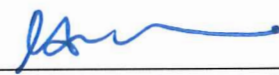
Vice Mayor Pineda



Council Member Nielson



Council Member Conde



Council Member Solorio



Attest: City Clerk