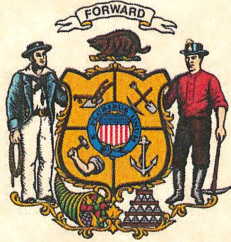


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Hispanic Heritage Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1988, and begins with a recognition of September 15th as the independence day for five Central American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS; Hispanic Heritage Month honors the traditions and the countless artistic, scientific, political, and cultural contributions of United States residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS; Hispanic Americans from Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, and every corner of our country have fought in every war and conflict involving the United States since the Revolutionary War, and 60 Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation's highest military award for valor in action against an enemy force; and

WHEREAS; in addition to playing important historic roles in our state and our country, Hispanic individuals continue to fuel our economies through their entrepreneurship and continued contributions to industry, the arts, agriculture, civil society, academia, healthcare services, and more; and

WHEREAS; the United States Census reports that Hispanic Americans comprise 6.9 percent of the population in Wisconsin, and 18.3 percent of the United States population, making them the largest ethnic minority group in the country and the fastest-growing constituency within our great state; and

WHEREAS; Hispanic Heritage Month presents an opportunity for every Wisconsinite to reflect on the countless contributions of Hispanic Americans, and to honor and appreciate the cultural heritage and collective resilience of Hispanic Americans in our communities;

NOW, *THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2019, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 10th day of September 2019.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State