

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregonians who identify themselves as Hispanic, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Chicano, or indigenous, from Mexico, South America, and Central America, have contributed to our state's history and successes since at least the 1800s; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's Hispanic and Latinx communities now constitute 13.4% of the state's population with 565,177 residing in all 36 counties, and globally we are in unprecedented time due to Covid-19 and economic hardships, and in Oregon, the Hispanic population makes up 10.6% of the state's workforce, much of it as essential workers and is, disproportionately, 39.7% of the Covid-19 affected populations; and
- WHEREAS:** Given the high COVID-19 infection rate among communities of color, tribal communities, and Hispanics, State of Oregon has prioritized support for those communities who are disproportionately impacted through targeted investment such as Oregon Worker Relief Fund and Oregon Worker Quarantine fund; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's Hispanic and Latinx communities continue to be an important and vital contributor to our essential services, health care, agriculture, nursery, food, and dairy industries; and
- WHEREAS:** While we continue to benefit from all these contributions, many are working to keep Oregon an inclusive state where the rights of vulnerable communities are protected and family values are truly demonstrated in our actions.
- WHEREAS:** With the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs' leadership, the State of Oregon continues to partner with culturally and linguistically specific organizations to develop and implement inclusive communications, education, and resources to support the Hispanic and Latinx communities to thrive.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 15- October 15, 2020** to be

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 26, 2020.

Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Governor

Bev Clarno

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

