

Proclamation

Whereas, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage, and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and,

Whereas, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and,

Whereas, this year's theme, "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together" invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage by recognizing the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the U.S. It encourages us to reflect on all the contributions Hispanics have made in the past and will continue to make in the future; and,

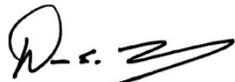
Whereas, many Hispanics serve as government employees/public servants, civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and so much more; and,

Whereas, Hispanics continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality.

Now, Therefore, I, Don E. Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2024, as

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

and encourage all residents of Arlington to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

September 16, 2024

Dated