



PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



WHEREAS, The Hispanic Heritage Week observance began in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988. The theme for 2020 National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated during September 15 to October 15, is "Be Proud of Your Past, Embrace Your Future" inviting Hispanics to embrace their backgrounds, to be proud of who they are and where they come from; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hispanic community are encouraged to raise their voices to educate others about their cultures by celebrating the contributions made and the important presence of the Hispanics and Latinos to the United States and those American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Carribean, Central America and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race. On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic and/or Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin".

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor and Commission of the City of North Lauderdale do hereby proclaim September 15, 2020 to October 15, 2020 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

and encourage observation of this special annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

Dated this 8th day of September 2020.


MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE