

## **RESOLUTION NO. 8492**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2024 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) recognizes the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South and Central America to the United States and celebrates their heritage and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, September 15 is the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 1968, Congressman George E. Brown who represented two heavily Latino and Hispanic populated areas, San Gabriel Valley and East Los Angeles, introduced Hispanic Heritage Week that led to the observation of Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and later extended to a 30 day celebration by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries old traditions that reflect the multi ethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic population has grown to nearly one-fifth of the United States population, with the State of California alone is home to over 15 million. Los Angeles County has the largest Hispanic population of any county at well over 4 million.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne does hereby find, determine and order as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein and finds that they are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage month and urges all its citizens to celebrate the history, culture and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South and Central America.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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**ALEX VARGAS, Mayor**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**ROBERT M. KIM, City Attorney**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**