

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month was established in 1988 to honor and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of those whose ancestry comes from Mexico, Spain, Central and South America, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, September 15th marks the start of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is the independence day for Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua; with Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrating their respective independence days on September 16th, 18th, and 21st; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinx communities are made up of rich, diverse cultures, with unique histories, experiences, and achievements that occurred before U.S. settlement and have continued to present day; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latinx community members make up 19% of the U.S. population, accounting for the largest part of the overall U.S. population growth; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the valuable contributions of Hispanic/Latinx leaders who have fought against injustice, as well as our own local community leaders who serve in Shoreline; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and learn more about Hispanic/Latinx communities and how to provide support; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby recognize September 15 through October 15, 2023 as

HISPANIC/LATINX AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Shoreline and encourage all community members to find ways to recognize the month not only now, but throughout the year.

SECRETTE

Keith Scully, Mayor