



Armondo Pavone Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a significant and fast-growing demographic in Renton, making up more than 15 percent of all residents; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the innumerable contributions made by Latinos in exploring and establishing settlements in the State of Washington dating back to the 1700s, in addition to the contributions of those who identify as Latino, Hispanic and Mexican and have made their homes in the City of Renton; and

Whereas, President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration initiated observation of Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, and 20 years later it became federal law in 1988, designating the month from September 15 to October 15 to be nationally recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month; and

Whereas, State Senator Margarita López, who fought for women's health, migrant workers' rights, LGBTQ issues, and veterans and tribal affairs, was the first Latina elected to the Washington legislature followed by five terms in the State Senate; and

Whereas, in 2014 Ruth Pérez became the first Latina and immigrant to serve as a Councilmember in Renton and in 2021 Carmen Rivera was elected as the second Latina to serve on Renton City Council; and

Whereas, the "Absent Sons" of Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico, immigrated to Renton and opened many Mexican restaurants in the greater Renton area, providing jobs, supporting growth, and enhancing the economy of Renton; and

Whereas, the "Cuautla" population in Renton, over 2,000 former residents of Cuautla who reside in and call Renton their home, is larger than the city of Cuautla's population; and

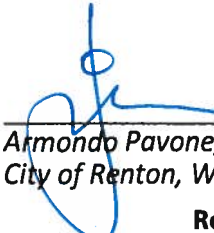
Whereas, in August 2001 the City of Renton established a Sister City Relationship with Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico, forming a bond between the two cities, which resulted in delegations from both cities visiting each other, most recently in June of this year;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2022, to be

Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2022.


Armondo Pavone, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

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