

PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR JOEL GREER

WHEREAS, Latinos and Hispanics have enriched Iowa communities since the late 1800's and play a vital role in Iowa's economy and workforce with cultural, educational, and political influences. This can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, Iowans of Latino and Hispanic origin make up six percent of the state's populations, making it the largest race or ethnic minoritized group in the state, and making it the largest such group in Marshalltown, making significant contributions to our workforce, economy and business community; and

WHEREAS, Latinos are individuals that are from or are descendants from Latin America and may speak Creole, Dutch, English, Italian, Spanish, Patois, Portuguese, French, and many regional Indigenous languages such as Quechua, Aymara, Guarani, Mayan, Nahuatl, and more; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics are individuals that speak Spanish and are descendants from Spanish speaking countries, including Spain; and

WHEREAS, Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the vibrant traditions of people whose ancestry can be traced to the Caribbean Islands, Central America, Mexico, South America for Latinos, and Spain; and

WHEREAS, Latinos enrich Iowa communities with cultural, educational, and political influences that can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of our life, from skilled workers, artists, professionals, owners of vibrant businesses, and leaders, and as a community that offers education and community gatherings through art, music and festivals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joel Greer, Mayor of the City of Marshalltown, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021 as

LATINO AND HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In the City of Marshalltown and urge citizens to observe this month by increasing their awareness of the valuable ways Latinos and Hispanics have contributed to our city's prosperity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed on this 16th day of September, 2021.



Joel Greer, Mayor
City of Marshalltown