



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Latino community has a rich and diverse culture, and has made many contributions to our communities and our economy, which are vital to the success of the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: September 15, the first day of Latino Heritage Month, marks the anniversary of independence for several Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates its independence September 16 and Chile on September 18; and
- WHEREAS: Latina, Latino, and Latinx leaders across the state are important role models in many sectors, and their participation is important to the social fabric of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Latina, Latino, and Latinx essential workers have been supporting the economy of the state in each critical sector during an unprecedented pandemic, and their work and sacrifice are valued and recognized; and
- WHEREAS: Latina, Latino, and Latinx volunteers, nonprofit workers, business owners, and government employees have worked in unity to support communities across the state in need of support and resources; and
- WHEREAS: Latino Heritage Month is a time to learn about both the resiliency of the vibrant Latino community and the challenges it has overcome to advance progress in science, commerce, medicine, education, philanthropy, social justice, and the arts; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota stands in solidarity with the victims and the survivors of all hate crimes targeting the Latino community across the nation and recognizes that our state is made stronger by building and investing in diverse and vibrant communities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota remains committed to ensuring that members of the Latino community who call Minnesota home have every opportunity to achieve their dreams and feel welcomed and embraced; and
- WHEREAS: This month allows Minnesotans to reflect on the future of the state and the significant role that the Latino community has had, and will have, on our state's innovation, cultural assets, and identity; and
- WHEREAS: Honoring and celebrating the history, achievements, contributions, and diversity of the Latino community will foster and build relationships between all communities throughout Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 15 to Thursday, October 15, 2020, as:

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 14th of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon