



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, from America's earliest days, Hispanics have played an important role in our national heritage, and continue to embody the pioneering spirit of America today, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to faith, family, hard work and patriotism through their countless contributions; and

Whereas, in keeping our historical roots, we celebrate more than 5,000 years of history and heritage of Native, Latino, and Hispanic in this land of the American continent. Hispanics are individuals from or descendants of North, Central, South America, Spain and the Caribbean's islands, 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 have not hesitated to defend and show their allegiance to this nation in many ways, especially in all branches of the Armed Forces, continuing a strong legacy of dedication to our country; and

Whereas, Hispanics lift up our communities and our economy as entrepreneurs, executives, and small business owners, and make contributions in areas such as science, art, music, politics, academia, government, and sports. Hispanic-owned small businesses are the fastest growing businesses in America, growing at a pace 15 times the national average over the last decade. Hispanics own more than three million businesses and are a testament to the American promise that anyone can succeed in the United States through hard work; and

Whereas, in 1968 Congress passed Public Law 90-498, requesting the President to issue an annual proclamation for the week of Sept. 15 and 16 as National Hispanic Heritage Week; and

Whereas, September 15th marks the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which celebrates and honors the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans, who have enriched our culture and society and helped make America into the incredible country it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.E. Duke Wortmann, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim September 16 – October 15, 2020 as

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

in the City of Grand Junction and call upon public officials, educators and all Americans to observe this time with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of September, 2020.

C.E. Duke Wortmann

Mayor