



Proclamation

**Latino Voter Registration Month
September 15 - October 15, 2016**

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

WHEREAS, the continuity, strength and legacy of any democratic society is dependent on the education, enlightenment and participation of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is the seminal right of any citizen of a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City of San Luis to encourage and increase the number of its residents who actively and regularly participate in the electoral process and who accept the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the electorate, concentrated in low-income and minority communities, remains disconnected from the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, voter representation of people of color, working people, young people and other under-represented groups is fundamental to the exercise of democratic elections; and

WHEREAS, only the enfranchisement of all qualified voters, including those least powerful and most vulnerable can result in the election of leaders truly representative of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis believes intensive voter registration efforts can substantially increase the number of qualified, under-represented residents who have the opportunity to select their elected representatives and decide important initiatives in the forthcoming elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby declare September 15 through October 15, 2016 "Latino Voter Registration Month" as part of a national initiative encouraging broad participation in our democracy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of September 2016.

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk