



WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America including Mexico, as well as those who came from Central America, South America, Spain, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, the date September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Additionally, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and

WHEREAS, people in Williamson County who identify as Hispanic or Latino make up 25.41% of the population, according to demographic information from Healthy Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as El Amistad, Latinos in Round Rock, LULAC and others inspire local leaders to serve in the state legislature and on city councils, start small businesses, continue their education, and be a mentor to others; and

WHEREAS, this community contributes to the vibrant fabric that Williamson County is.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Commissioners Court, for the very first time in Williamson County history, hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2025, as

“Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month”

And encourage that this year’s theme, Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future, be a part of everyone’s lives.

Passed by Commissioners Court and Signed on this date: _____

Steven Snell, County Judge

As Presiding Officer and on behalf of the Williamson County Commissioners Court