

# CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson established "Hispanic Heritage Week" in 1968; and*

*WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration in 1988 to cover a month-long period from September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> and declared it to be "National Hispanic Heritage Month"; and*

*WHEREAS, during "National Hispanic Heritage Month" the contributions made by and the important presence of Hispanics and Latinos in the United States and their heritage and culture are honored; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos have had a profound and positive influence on our country, including the Yakima Valley; and*

*WHEREAS, the significant and impactful contributions Hispanics and Latinos have made to the Yakima Valley's economy have enabled our region's diversified industries to grow and prosper; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States has a long and storied history of welcoming immigrants, which has given it a significant advantage over the rest of the world; and*

*WHEREAS, 55 million Americans, or about 17% of the country's total population, and about 50% of Yakima County's total population, are of Hispanic or Latino origin.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima, and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> as*

## *Hispanic Heritage Month*

*in the City of Yakima, and urge everyone to learn about, acknowledge, and applaud the generations of Hispanics and Latinos who have enriched our community and those that will continue to build a bright and hopeful future for themselves, their families, and all of us who call the Yakima Valley home.*

*Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022*

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*Janice Deccio, Mayor*