

Proclamation

HEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic 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

HEREAS, this year's theme, "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America." encourages us all to connect with Hispanic heritage and focus on the themes of prosperity, power, and progress, recognizing the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the U.S.; and

##HEREAS, we recognize and honor the many ways that Hispanics have enriched the fabric of our society and we rededicate ourselves to address the lack of equal access to opportunity that many still face; and

HEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an incredible opportunity to speak with one voice, acknowledge the crucial role that Hispanics play in shaping the future of our country and the world, and to celebrate and recognize Latinos as employees, suppliers, consumers, and community. Hispanics need to be seen, heard, and valued and are more likely to engage with individuals or organizations that actively invest in and celebrate their contributions to America, which are driving prosperity, power, and progress; and

**Row, THEREFORE, I, Lucinda DiNovo, City Council President of the City of Coos Bay, and on behalf of Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay do hereby declare that September 15 through October 15, 2023 be known as

Hispanic Heritage Month

And encourage all residents to celebrate the unique and vibrant Hispanic history and recommit ourselves to a shared future of healthy, peaceful, safe and sustainable communities for all.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 19th day of September 2023.

Lucinda DiNovo, Council President on behalf of Mayor Joe Benetti