

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation of the City of Savannah to Recognize September 15, 2024 Through October 15, 2024 as National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the National Hispanic Heritage Week Bill, which authorized the President to designate the week of September 15 as “National Hispanic Heritage Week,” which was first observed in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, President Ronald W. Reagan signed into law the creation of National Hispanic Heritage Month. U.S. Rep. Esteban Torres, a proponent of the bill, noted that supporters “want the American people to learn of our heritage. We want the public to know that we share a legacy with the rest of the country, a legacy that includes artists, writers, Olympic champions, and leaders in business, government, cinema, and science;” and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah is honored to join the federal government and citizens throughout the country in recognizing September 15, 2024, through October 15, 2024, as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans who currently serve our communities here in Savannah; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah recognizes the efforts of the H.O.L.A taskforce to engage and involve the Hispanic community through education and making resources available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah, in its continued effort for equity and diversity, remains dedicated to providing resources for Spanish-speaking communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, proclaim September 15, 2024, through October 15, 2024, as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council