

## **Proclamation**

“Hispanic Heritage Month”

September 15 - October 15, 2021

**Whereas**, 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 as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and,

**Whereas**, the population of Adams County is approximately 41% Hispanic or Latino; and

**Whereas**, Adams County was featured in the Washington Post this year as one of 64 counties in America with the majority of the population identifying as people of color; and,

**Whereas**, Pete Mirelez is recognized as the first Latino to serve as an Adams County Commissioner; and,

**Whereas**, Commissioner Lynn Baca is recognized as the first Latina, Asian-American Pacific Islander to serve as an Adams County Commissioner; and,

**Whereas**, Raymond H. Gonzales is recognized as the first Latino to serve as County Manager; and,

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

**Whereas**, this year’s theme, “Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope,” invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. It encourages us to reflect on all the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will continue to make in the future; and,

**Whereas**, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, Hispanics serve as civil rights leaders, community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and so much more; and,

**Whereas**, Hispanics continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of Adams County.

**Now, Therefore, Be It, Resolved That**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims September 15 - October 15, 2021 as

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And encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Hispanic community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed September 14, 2021.*