

Proclamation

“Hispanic Heritage Month” September 15 – October 15, 2023

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 42.4% Hispanic or Latino based on the most recent census estimates; 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, this year’s theme, “Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America” invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage by recognizing the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the U.S. 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, many Hispanics serve as government employees/public servants, civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and so much more; and,

Whereas, Adams County’s employee-led A-Proud affinity group, LatinX Professionals, provides a safe, supportive, and professional space where topics that directly impact them can be safely and confidentially discussed; 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, the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims September 15 – October 15, 2023, 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 5, 2023.