



*WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30 day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and*

*WHEREAS, we must acknowledge and pay tribute to the generations of our citizens who struggled with adversity, risked their lives for justice, fought a fight that at times seemed impossible to win, and continue to fight for equality and the American Dream; and*

*WHEREAS, this month's theme, "Hispanics: A legacy of history, a present of action and a future of success," reminds us of all the ways Hispanics have enriched our Union and shaped our character; and*

*WHEREAS, from those with roots that trace back generations to those who have just set out in pursuit of the promise of America, they have come to represent the spirit of our Nation; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanics have served honorably in our Armed Forces, defending the values we hold dear; and*

*WHEREAS, in these accomplishments, we recognize that when we lift up the Hispanic community, we strengthen our City, our State, and our nation; and*

*WHEREAS, when we create more ladders of opportunity, we provide the chance for all Americans to reach their greatest potential; and*

*WHEREAS, we continue to work together to guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, Hispanics are advancing our economy, improving our city, and bettering our country.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul Esser, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, on behalf of the City of Sun Prairie, hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15 as*

***National Hispanic Heritage Month***

*And I call upon our own Sun Prairie residents to renew our commitment to ensuring ours remains a community where the talents and potential of all its residents can be fully realized.*

***IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sun Prairie to be affixed on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.***

*Paul Esser, Mayor*