



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**8TH ANNUAL “CELEBRATE LATINX HERITAGE NAPA VALLEY”
SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2019**

WHEREAS, in 1968 President Lyndon Johnson first recognized Hispanic Heritage Week, later expanded under President Ronald Reagan to one month from September 15 through October 15, and each successive United States President has continued this tradition; and

WHEREAS, Napa County has a long history of welcoming immigrants and is home to a growing multiethnic and multicultural Latinx population, including residents originating from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, all of whom are welcome and very much appreciated. Napa County's Latinx population grew by 50 percent in the past 12 years and now represents over 39.9 percent of our citizens or approximately 32,000 people, and more than 56 percent of all public school students are Latinx; and

WHEREAS, Napa County's diverse Latinx population makes a significant economic contribution and has other profound positive influences on our community through their strong commitment to family, faith, education, hard work, culture, and service; and

WHEREAS, Napa County, which thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all people, also depends on the continued support and success of the diverse Latinx population. Napa County will continue to be enriched by the transcultural contributions of the Latinx community for many decades to come, and we will continue to make efforts to create an inclusive environment where everyone can thrive; and

WHEREAS, the Latinx Heritage Committee formed in 2011 to host annual celebrations of El Día de Los Muertos (October 31 – November 2) and since then expanded to include this celebration as part of a larger celebration from September through November, now known as “Celebrate Latinx Heritage Napa Valley.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Ryan Gregory, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, in deep appreciation to the diverse Latinx population of Napa County, call upon our community to celebrate Latinx heritage with appropriate respect, ceremonies, and activities from **September – November 2019**.

Ryan Gregory, Chair
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS