

September 5, 2023



## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH September 15, 2023 – October 15, 2023

Whereas, the City of San Fernando recognizes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating and honoring the rich histories, cultural traditions and significant contributions of our Hispanic American communities;

Whereas, this month-long celebration recognizes the valuable contributions made by residents of Hispanic descent to all aspects of American life, including leadership in public service, business, the arts, education and civil rights;

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month provides a special opportunity for teachers, schools, as well as public and private organizations, to focus on the many Hispanic Americans whose lives have shaped our common history and heritage and continue to enrich our Nation's character, shape our common future, and strengthen America's promise;

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on September 15, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua;

Whereas, México and Chile also celebrate their independence during Hispanic Heritage Month, on September 16 and September 18, respectively;

Whereas, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> to recognize the contributions made by Hispanic and Latin Americans in the United States, and celebrate their heritage and culture; and

Whereas, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of origin, enhances San Fernando's cultural, economic growth, global competitiveness, and overall prosperity for current and future generations.

Now, therefore, the San Fernando City Council does hereby proclaim **"NATIONAL HISPANIC HERIGTAGE MONTH"** in the City of San Fernando and encourages the community to learn about and celebrate the generations of Hispanic and Latin American who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

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