



Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of community members who trace their roots back to Spanish-speaking countries, specifically from Mexico, the Caribbean, Africa, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 Census, 12,756 (22.9%) Burien community members identify as Hispanic and make up the largest ethnic group in the city; and

WHEREAS, Burien is home to the only Latinx food system in the nation, operated by Alimentando al Pueblo, a nonprofit organized in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which has provided culturally relevant food and cultivated economic growth by purchasing more than \$3 million in products from local Black-, Indigenous-, and other People-of-Color owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community and culture is celebrated during several Burien community events including Día de los Muertos; B-Town Fiesta; the Welcoming Burien event in celebration of our immigrant and refugee neighbors; Latino Conservation Week at Hilltop Park; and by Highline Heritage Museum's ongoing exhibits and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burien is committed to creating an accessible government for all through equitable language access, culturally appropriate support for small businesses, Community Connectors program, funding for organizations that serve the Hispanic community, supporting Hispanic artists through the Public Art Fund, and supporting programs for Hispanic youth; and

WHEREAS, the artistic, business, cultural, educational, and political influences of Hispanic community members touch all aspects of Burien's community and contribute to our community's health and economic vitality; and

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la ciudad de Burien esta firmemente comprometida a enfrentar los problemas de vital importancia para la comunidad Hispana y abrir puertas de oportunidad para todos en nuestra ciudad.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ASK ALL BURIEN COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO JOIN TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 15–OCTOBER 15, 2024 AS

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

IN THE CITY OF BURIEN AND EMPOWERS ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE THE HISTORY, HERITAGE, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND LEGACY OF HISPANIC COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BURIEN.

Dated this 9th day of September 2024.

Deputy Mayor Stephanie Mora
Councilmember Jimmy Matta

Councilmember Hugo Garcia
Councilmember Sarah Moore

Councilmember Linda Akey
Councilmember Alex Andrade




Mayor Kevin Schilling

