

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

2022

#### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month, established nationally in 1988, honors the culture, history, and achievements of Latinos, Latinx, Hispanics, and Latin Americans, and recognizes their many contributions to American society; and

WHEREAS, throughout September, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversaries of their independence; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, we take this time each year to recognize the monumental impact that the Hispanic and Latinx communities continue to have on the cultural fabric of our state and nation, as well as their meaningful contributions to social and economic progress; and

WHEREAS, the more than one million Latino, Latinx, Hispanic, and Latin American people of North Carolina contribute significantly to the growth and progress of our state, bolstering the economy as business leaders and entrepreneurs, cultivating a strong agricultural industry, enriching our schools and education system, and serving as leaders in our community and in a variety of professional fields; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2017, Governor Cooper signed Executive Order 23, establishing the Governor's Advisory Council for Hispanic and Latino Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation, recognizes and highlights the important contributions that Latino, Latinx, Hispanic, and Latin Americans have made to our society, serving in both the public and private sectors, in our country's military, as elected officials and civic leaders, and as community advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, the history, culture, art, food, music, and traditions that define the lives of Hispanic people in North Carolina enrich the lives of all North Carolinians; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud of our diverse population and encourages North Carolinians to celebrate our Latino, Latinx, Hispanic, and Latin American community by participating in events held to commemorate this special occasion;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2022, as "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOR, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.