



State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month is celebrated each year from September 15 to October 15; and the month-long celebration provides more time to properly recognize the important contributions Hispanic and Latino Americans have made in growing and strengthening the United States; and

WHEREAS, the timeframe of this month is also significant because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these dates; and

WHEREAS, Latinos in North Carolina are integral to the growth and development of our state, contributing to the vibrant and inclusive fabric of North Carolina through their rich cultural heritage and linguistic diversity; bolstering the economy as business leaders, entrepreneurs, and artists; cultivating strong industries in agriculture, manufacturing, construction, research and development, finance, technology, and more; enriching our education and health care systems; participating in public service and civic affairs; and serving as leaders in our communities; and

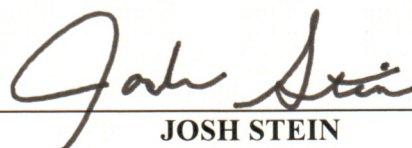
WHEREAS, the state's Latino population has increased 40 percent over the past decade – the largest increase of any other ethnic group in the state; and Latino residents number more than 1.1 million and represent 20 percent of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the southeastern North Carolina agricultural counties of Duplin and Sampson have led the state with the highest percentages of Latino residents, 23.6 percent and 22.4 percent, respectively; and Mecklenburg County – home to Charlotte, the state's most populous city – has the largest number of Latinos at approximately 186,000; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2025, as “**HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.





JOSH STEIN
Governor

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