

PROCLAMATION

City of Monrovia

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, which was enacted into law in August 1988, is a time to recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans every September 15 through October 15; and

WHEREAS, those of Hispanic decent have been long-time residents of Monrovia since before the incorporation of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic culture has embraced our community with a vibrant outlook on life, an enriched appreciation of dynamic art and music, and a life lived dedicated to loved ones; and

WHEREAS, even through times of despair, as inequities and challenges divided society, the Hispanic community has worked to bridge the gap to build a future full of opportunity, anchored by faith and optimism; and

WHEREAS, contributions made by individual Hispanic and Latino Americans, and groups such as the Monrovia Latino Heritage Society, have made an overwhelming impact on the entire community through annual toy drives, an Art Exhibit at the Monrovia Community Center, and scholarships to fund educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Monrovia recognized the rich Latino heritage in Monrovia by renaming Olive Avenue Park in honor of Lucinda Garcia, a long-time resident from the late 1880s to mid-1900s who, through her generosity towards the disadvantaged, was considered a matriarch of the Mexican-American community for decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Becky Sheolin, Mayor of the City of Monrovia, California, along with the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024 as

"Hispanic Heritage Month"

and encourage all to celebrate the vibrant culture and the many extraordinary successes Hispanic and Latino Americans have achieved.

~ Dated this 17th day of September, 2024 ~



Becky A. Sheolin
MAYOR

