



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an official national celebration of Hispanic and Latino heritage in America; and

WHEREAS, September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua and in addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

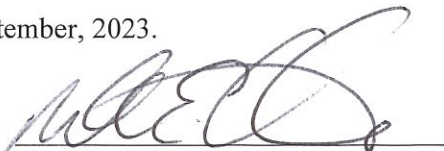
WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the Hispanic and Latino heritage and culture in the United States while highlighting Hispanic and Latino economic, cultural, and creative contributions to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic and Latino population in the United States to be over 60 million people, making Hispanic and Latino Americans 19 percent of the population and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and


WHEREAS, the City of Ankeny joins other communities across our nation in honoring the many ways the Hispanic and Latino community contributes to our common goals in working together toward a stronger and more inclusive future and a more prosperous America for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Holm, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2023 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Ankeny and encourage all residents to embrace and celebrate diversity in our community, including the Hispanic and Latino heritage, and the many positive achievements and contributions of Hispanics and Latinos to our city, state, and nation.

DATED AND SIGNED this the 5th day of September, 2023.


Mark E. Holm, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

