



# Proclamation

## Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, in 1968, the US Congress established National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was observed annually until 1989, when it became a month-long observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 US Census, Hispanic and Latinx people make up approximately 13 percent of the population of Carrboro, the highest percentage in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the contributions and achievements of Hispanic and Latinx people in the United States, to acknowledge their vital impact both locally and throughout the nation, and to celebrate these communities' diversity, culture, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 16, El Vínculo Hispano will hold La Fiesta de la Herencia Hispana in Siler City, which will feature music and dance, games and activities, arts and crafts, and food vendors; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 17, El Pueblo will hold La Fiesta del Pueblo, a celebration of Latin American culture on Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh that will include live music and dance performances, visual and folk art exhibits, educational booths, and activities for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, El Futuro will hold its Kermes de la Herencia Hispana on September 24 and its Fall Fundraiser & Art Auction on September 30, both in Durham; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month, the UNC Carolina Latinx Center will celebrate Latinx Heritage Month with the theme "The Latinxverse: El Universo Es Tuyo";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2023, to be Hispanic Heritage Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to participate in the month's events and to learn about and celebrate the lives, history, and contributions of Hispanic people during this month-long celebration and throughout the year.

This the 12th day of September, 2023

*Damon Seils*

Damon Seils, Mayor

