

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FULTON COUNTY

PROCLAMATION

In Observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month

- WHEREAS,** From September 15 until October 15 Americans across the country will be celebrating and observing National Hispanic Heritage Month with the theme “Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation;” and
- WHEREAS,** Each year at this time, we pause to recognize the accomplishments, contributions and legacies of this great community that helps make us a “more perfect union;” and
- WHEREAS,** The observance began 54 years ago, when in 1968 the White House under President Lyndon B. Johnson established a weeklong celebration called Hispanic Heritage Week, and 20 years later, in 1988, the observance nationally was extended to 30 days; and
- WHEREAS,** September 15th was chosen as the kickoff date as it coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of five countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua), followed by Mexico on September 16th, Chile on the 18th, and Belize on the 21st, along with another important date that falls within this 30-day period, Día de la Raza, or Indigenous Peoples Day, celebrated in Mexico on October 12th.; and
- WHEREAS,** In Fulton County, Georgia, the Latino/Hispanic community is diverse and quite robust, representing one of the fastest growing populations with people in this community living here with roots in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, South America, Europe, and North America; and
- WHEREAS,** The Board of Commissioners of Fulton County joins all citizens in observing this very important celebration and urges constructive conversations, to open new doors of communication and understanding in order to learn more about this vital group and its role in the fabric of Fulton County, the state of Georgia and America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Commissioners salutes members of the Latino/Hispanic community who continue to make remarkable contributions to our culture, economy, and collective and united future, and does hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th as “**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**” in in Fulton County, Georgia.

Sponsored by
Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman
District 6