

For the City of East Providence by His Honor

Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva

"HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15^{th} to October 15^{th} ; and

WHEREAS, September 15th was chosen as the starting point for the commemoration because it is the anniversary of the start of independence of Hispanic countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, which all became independent from Spain in 1821; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic heritage has been celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, conferences, community gatherings, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the community benefits from the many contributions of our Hispanic residents who are vital to our everyday life, serving as teachers, small business owners, religious leaders, first responders, coaches, professionals, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic community in the City brings food, music, art, and joy to our melting pot of culture; and

WHEREAS, at the local, state, and national level, Hispanic leaders are making positive changes and playing significant roles of leadership in key policy areas; and

WHEREAS, the City strives to make East Providence a home where our Hispanic community feels welcomed and empowered within the community.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, on behalf of the city of East Providence, proclaim September 15, 2021 – October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the city of East Providence.

In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of East Providence to be hereunto affixed this 15th day of September, 2021.

Roberto L. DaSilva

Mayor