



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH September 15, 2023, through October 15, 2023

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, heritage and countless contributions of those whose ancestors were indigenous to North America including Mexico, as well as those who came from Central America, South America, Spain, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, the date 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. Additionally, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America." encourages us all to connect with our Hispanic heritage and focus on the themes of prosperity, power, and progress, recognizing the significant strides of Latinos in the economic, political, and social growth of the U.S.

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the many ways that Latinos have enriched the fabric of our society and we rededicate ourselves to address the lack of equal access to opportunity that many still face; and

WHEREAS, the Latinx population of the United States is now 62.1 million, constituting 18.7% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, in Hopewell Township, the Latinx population represents a wide range of nationalities and backgrounds, all of whom make a positive contribution to educational, non-profit, government and business sectors which reflect the remarkable diversity of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to acknowledge the crucial role that Latinos play in shaping the future of our country and the world, and to celebrate and recognize Latinos as employees, suppliers, consumers, and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 2nd day of October 2023, I, Michael Ruger, Mayor of Hopewell Township, do hereby proclaim September 15th – October 15th, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage all residents to celebrate our unique and vibrant history and recommit ourselves to a shared future of healthy, peaceful, safe and sustainable communities for all.

