



Board of County Commissioners

Boulder County's 2024 Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month Proclamation

Whereas, language evolves with us as we lean into our journey of identity, culture, and race, and we acknowledge that residents of Boulder County might identify as Hispanic, Latinx, Latiné, Latine, Latina, and/or Latino; and

Whereas, the United States is home to a diverse array of Hispanic and Latinx cultures, encompassing a wide range of traditions, languages, and histories, all of which enhance the mosaic of our nation; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latinx residents have made, and continue to make, a significant contribution to the civic and cultural life of Boulder County; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latinx communities and businesses have played an important role in Boulder County's strength and prosperity by making the county vibrant, strong, and productive; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month celebrates the diversity of the Boulder County community and serves as a reminder of the importance of embracing diversity and promoting understanding among everyone who resides in our county; and

Whereas, Boulder County is proud to once again sponsor the annual Feria del Tamal in Longmont, organized by the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Boulder County, and welcomes all the cultural events taking place in September and October; and

Whereas, the Hispanic and Latinx communities have historically faced and continue to experience systemic barriers to inclusion and equitable treatment, which are rooted in systemic racism; and

Whereas, despite such discrimination, Hispanic and Latinx residents have shown resilience and solidarity, enriching our nation and our county through their values of family, community, and a commitment to justice and equity; and

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Whereas, the Boulder County Commissioners and the Boulder County Government are committed to equity and inclusion and to the success of Hispanic and Latinx communities, but acknowledge there is still much work to be done to ensure that all residents feel respected, valued, and affirmed with equitable access to the opportunities, support, and services; and

Whereas, while we proudly celebrate Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month, it is essential to recognize that Hispanic and Latinx heritage and Latinidad deserve to be celebrated every day of the year and that the community's stories, traditions, and identities transcend a single month, contributing to the fabric of our society in enduring and impactful ways.

Now therefore, the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of Boulder County, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2024, as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month in Boulder County and encourage residents to participate in and to celebrate the significant contributions of our Hispanic and Latinx communities.

Dated this 17th day of September 2024.

Commissioner Claire Levy

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