



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-050

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING
SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2022,
AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, during Hispanic Heritage Month, Snohomish County recognizes the consistent and vital influence Hispanic people have in the history and culture to the United States, Washington, and Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic people have made enormous contributions in the fields of business, law, politics, education, community service, the arts, science, agriculture and more; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, September 15 through October 15 was officially designated as Hispanic Heritage Month by the federal government. The proclamation, signed by President Ronald Reagan, came after several decades of advocacy, passion and persistence from community and political leaders; and

WHEREAS, September 15 was chosen as the start of Hispanic Heritage Month to honor the anniversary of the 1812 independence declarations in five Latin American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua); and Mexico, Chile, and Belize celebrating their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the strength and success of Snohomish County, the vitality of our communities, depend, in great part, upon the distinctive and valuable qualities demonstrated by our diverse racial and ethnic communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Census Bureau, in 2020 the Hispanic population in the United States was 60.6 million or 18.5% of the nation's population; and, as of 2018, an estimated 81,613 or 10.3% of Snohomish County's population identifies as Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County proudly joins the nation in celebrating Hispanic heritage, while committing to continue advancing equity and inclusion and addressing challenges Hispanic members of our community face as a result of racial and social injustice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Snohomish County Council does hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2022, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Snohomish County.

We encourage all Snohomish County residents to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month by participating in Lutheran Community Services Northwest's month-long virtual celebration beginning September 15th.

APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2022.

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Jared Mead
Council Vice-Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

Nate Nehring
Councilmember

ATTEST:
Debbie Eco, CMC
Clerk of the Council