



*Proclamation*

**National Hispanic Heritage Month  
September 15 - October 15**

**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 as well as those who came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America;

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**, we recognize and honor the many ways that Hispanics have enriched the fabric of our society while also rededicating ourselves to address the lack of equal access to opportunity that many still face;

and **WHEREAS**, the Hispanic population represents a wide range of nationalities and backgrounds which reflect the remarkable diversity of the American people;

and **WHEREAS**, Hispanics continue their rich tradition of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of Monmouth, Illinois and the entire region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, Mayor Rod Davies does hereby proclaim September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all residents of Monmouth to celebrate our unique and vibrant history and recommit ourselves to a shared future of healthy, peaceful, safe, and sustainable communities for all.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

ATTESTED:

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Rod Davies, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan S. Trevor", written over a horizontal line.

Susan S. Trevor, City Clerk