

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## Proclamation No. 16-0909

### Observing September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City and County of Denver

**WHEREAS**, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado's history, culture, economic and civic life have been shaped and influenced by the contributions of people of Hispanic descent over many generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver is home to a large, vibrant and growing population of Latinos; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos represent 32% of Denver's population; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver has benefited from the many contributions made by inspiring Latino leaders including the recent recipients of the Denver Public Library Latino Community Service Awards – Pilar Castro-Reino, Frank Fresquez, Marlene De La Rosa, and Luis A. Torres; and the Colorado Latino Hall of Fame will be inducting Dr. Joe Vigil, Rod Tafoya, Salazar Family Foundation, Honorable Federico Pena, Susana Cordova, and Casimiro Barela at their October 18, event, and

**WHEREAS**, Latino residents have contributed immeasurably to Denver's cultural and economic mosaic as laborers, service workers, chief executive officers of companies large and small, performers, artists, musicians, athletes, city employees and political leaders at all levels of government as exemplified by Secretaries Federico Peña and Ken Salazar.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** The Denver City Council in recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic people who have positively influenced and enriched the lives of all people in the City and County of Denver.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 3, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan B. Cook".

PRESIDENT