

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. 13-0674

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

WHEREAS, each year, 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, a celebration enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's history, culture, economy, and civic life have been shaped and influenced by the contributions of people of Hispanic descent over many generations, and Denver's communities are home to a large, vibrant, and growing population of Latinos; and

WHEREAS, Latinos currently represent 18 percent of all of Denver's population over the age of 55, and by 2030, the Latino population in Colorado will grow by 174 percent; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver is grateful for the many contributions that have been accomplished by inspiring Latino leaders, and recently, the Denver Public Library kicked off the National Hispanic Heritage Month by awarding three new recipients for the 2013 Latino Community Service Awards, which included Councilwoman Judy H. Montero and Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia for the Leadership Hall of Fame Awards, and Carlota Espinoza receiving the Lena L. Archuleta Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, there are many Latino City employees and loyal residents who have contributed immeasurably to Denver's social, cultural, and economic mosaic, during the National Hispanic Heritage Month, Denver City Council 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.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Denver City Council declares its support for National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City & County of Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 7, 2013

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM