

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-72

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2023 AS “HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Week, now expanded to Hispanic Heritage Month, was established in 1968 to recognize and celebrate the heritage and culture of Latinos and Latinas in the United States while highlighting Latinx economic, cultural, and creative contributions to our nation; and

WHEREAS, September 15th is the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua while Mexico and Chile celebrate their respective independence days on September 16 and September 18; and

WHEREAS, many other Latin American countries celebrate Día de la Raza, a celebration of Hispanic heritage, on October 12; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States to be over 60 million people, making Hispanic Americans 18.5 percent of the population and the largest racial or ethnic minority group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Summit County’s Hispanic population comprises an estimated 14.6% of all residents; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4.7 million Hispanic-owned firms in the United States, providing over 3 million jobs and contributing more than \$500 billion to the United States economy; and

WHEREAS, Summit County celebrates the diversity and enrichments these individuals bring to our community and recognizes that the role of Hispanic and Latino people in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15 2023 IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED TO BE “HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO.

ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.



COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair

ATTEST:


Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder