



Proclamation Designating Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the Village of River Forest commemorates the strong and visible roots of Hispanic heritage in the national, regional and local landscape of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, Since our founding, our Nation has drawn strength from the diversity of our people. With faith and passion, a sturdy work ethic and profound devotion to family, Hispanics have helped carry forward our legacy as a vibrant beacon of opportunity for all. Whether their ancestors have been here for generations or they are among the newest members of our American family, they represent many countries and cultures, each adding their own distinct and dynamic perspective to our country's story; and,

WHEREAS, In the words of Cesar Chavez "Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures" and thus we celebrate the contributions of the robust Hispanic Diaspora to include Spain, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Dominican Republic; and,

WHEREAS, We are proud of the Mexican heritage that includes Indian and Spanish blood and most proud of all the humanity, and centuries of hope and sacrifice of these peoples, called Mexican-American, Chicano, Latino, Spanish, Tejano, Latin-x or Hispanic, who are essential to defining our culture; and,

WHEREAS, This month, let us reflect on the countless ways in which Hispanics have contributed to our Nation's success, and let us reaffirm our commitment to expanding opportunity and building an ever brighter future for all. Let us embrace the diversity that strengthens us and continue striving to ensure the American dream is within reach for generations of Hispanics to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CATHERINE ADDUCI, VILLAGE PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST, do hereby proclaim Hispanic Heritage Month in the Village of River Forest, Illinois in recognition of the indelible footprints of Hispanic Culture in our daily lives.

IN WITNESS, THEREOF, I have hereto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of River Forest, this 12th day of October, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Adduci", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Catherine Adduci
Village President