

## **HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, each year, Americans across our county observe National Hispanic Heritage Month 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**, Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week under former President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 and was expanded by former President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a thirty-day period starting on September 15th and ending on October 15th; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino Americans have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service and have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multi-cultural customs of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, 62.1 million people, or 18.7 percent of the total American population, are of Hispanic or Latino origin today, making them the second-largest racial or ethnic group in the United States. This represents a significant increase from the year 2010 when the Hispanic and Latino population registered at 50.5 million, or 16.3 percent of the total American population; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 15.5 million Hispanic and Latino Americans in California and 29,016 in Fremont, making them 12.6 percent of our population; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino Americans have contributed to the development and success of California by playing major roles in building this state through agriculture, medicine, science, military and armed forces, entertainment, business, education, civil rights, politics, and sports.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Fremont, proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2022, as HISPANIC and LATINO HERITAGE MONTH in Fremont and encourage all residents to share in this annual event by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our society.