



NORWOOD, OHIO

*Resolution No.* 28 2024

**A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 15,  
2024 TO OCTOBER 15, 2024 AS "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"  
IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month, known as "Mes de Herencia Hispana", is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th each year. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under Lyndon B. Johnson and was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan, to cover the month during which it is celebrated today. Understanding that September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; in addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and 18, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwood looks forward to celebrating "Mes de Herencia Hispana", with the greater community to highlight the rich heritage, arts, histories, food, music and traditions of all 26+ Latin-American nations. While recognizing that these nations are not homogeneous, this month celebrates, honors and pays tribute to all for their contributions to our city and our society; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, the vestiges of injustices and inequalities remain evident in the society of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Latinos are individuals that are descendants from Latin American countries and may speak a variety of different languages and dialects. Hispanics are individuals that speak Spanish and are descendants from Spanish speaking countries, including Spain. Latinx is a gender neutral or non-binary term for people of Latin American descent, and we recognize the Latinx identity also encompasses people in Black/African, Asian, Indigenous, and Queer communities; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that Hispanics are the third most common ethnic group in the City of Norwood and understanding that Hispanics are business owners, entrepreneurs, homeowners and renters, students and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norwood is committed to recognizing Hispanic/Latino and Latinx culture and heritage as an important part of the city and its strong, inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, contributions of Latin and Hispanic Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many Latin and Hispanic Americans lived, toiled, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition those individuals deserved, and yet paved the way for future generations to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Latin and Hispanic Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of business, government, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the United States is the story of people regularly affirming high ideals, striving to reach those ideals but often failing, and then struggling to come to terms with the disappointment of that failure, before committing to try again; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that it:

(1) acknowledges that all people in the City of Norwood are the recipients of the wealth of history provided by Latin and Hispanic culture; and

(2) recognizes the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, including the City of Norwood, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead; and

(3) acknowledges the significance of Hispanic Heritage Month as an important opportunity to commemorate the tremendous contributions of Latin and Hispanic Americans to the history of the United States, including the City of Norwood; and

(4) encourages the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in the City of Norwood to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States;

(5) agrees that, while the United States of America began as a divided country, the United States must -

(A) honor the contribution of all pioneers in the United States who have helped to ensure the legacy of the great United States; and

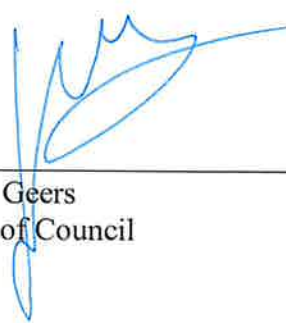
(B) move forward with purpose, united tirelessly as a nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all; and

(6) declares September 15, 2024 to October 15, 2024 be "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Norwood, Ohio, to encourage our residents to learn about and celebrate Latin and Hispanic heritage.

**PASSED**


9/24/2024

Date

  
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Joseph S. Geers  
President of Council

**ATTEST:**

Natalie Assaf, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this resolution was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 24 day of September, 2024 in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. This resolution was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the day of September, 2024.

  
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Natalie Assaf  
Clerk of Council

**APPROVED**

24 SEPT 24

Date

  
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Victor Schneider  
Mayor

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:**

Natalie Assaf, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this Ordinance was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer on 11/5/24 and 11/12/24.  
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Natalie Assaf  
Clerk of Council

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading \_\_\_\_\_  
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All 3 Readings 9/24/24  
Date

Tabled \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Vetoed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date