



Recognizing September 15 – October 15, as

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata proudly recognizes Latinx Heritage Month, celebrated annually from September 15 to October 15, as a time to honor the rich histories, cultures, and lasting contributions of Latinx Americans—individuals whose ancestors hail from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Spain, as well as recent immigrants and their families, who now call Arcata home, and whose culture and traditions enrich the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Latinx community in Arcata has long played a significant role in shaping the city’s cultural, social, and economic landscape, contributing to vital areas such as education, agriculture, public service, environmental advocacy, business, the arts, and culinary traditions while also deeply enriching the Arcata community through its traditions, creativity, gastronomy, and resiliency, that honor family, and affirm cultural identity and history, fostering a more meaningful, inclusive, and diverse character for our city; and

WHEREAS, Arcata recognizes the importance of honoring and uplifting the voices and contributions of Latinx community members in promoting equity, social justice, environmental sustainability, and food justice - values that align with the city’s ongoing commitment to building a just, sustainable, and inclusive future for all; and

WHEREAS, Latinx Heritage Month provides an opportunity for all Arcatans to celebrate the accomplishments, influence, and contributions of the Latinx community while also reflecting on the ongoing efforts needed to address the disparities and challenges faced by Latinx residents and other historically underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Arcata is proud to be a sanctuary city, reaffirming its commitment to protect and support immigrant communities, ensuring that all residents, regardless of immigration status, can live without fear and contribute to the city’s social, cultural, and economic vitality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby recognizes September 15 – October 15, 2025, as the **LATINX HERITAGE MONTH** in the City of Arcata and calls upon all residents to honor, celebrate, and support the continued contributions of Latinx Americans, both past and present, in shaping the future of our community.

Dated: October 1st, 2025

Alexandra Stillman
Mayor