

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

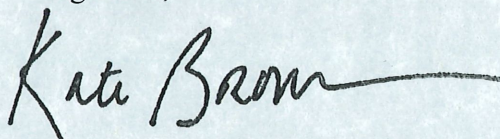
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians who identify themselves as Hispanic, Latino/a/x, Chicano/a/x, or Indigenous Meso Americans, from Mexico, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean have contributed to our state's history and successes since at least the 1800s; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's Hispanic and Latino/a/x communities now constitute 13.9% of the state's population, with 588,757 residing in all 36 counties, of which Benton has 56%, and Morrow 41% of the Latino/a/x population and Wallowa county's Latino/a/x community has grown by 65%; and the Hispanic population makes up 35% of the state's agricultural and 15% of the manufacturing workforce; and
- WHEREAS:** Due to COVID-19 and economic hardships, Oregon's population of Hispanic and Latino/a/x essential workers are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS:** Given the disproportionately high COVID-19 infection rate among Black, Indigenous, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino/a/x, and Tribal communities, the State of Oregon has prioritized continued support and investment with the Worker Relief Fund, Worker Quarantine Fund, and Eviction Moratoria for those communities impacted; and
- WHEREAS:** Many leaders in Oregon strive to keep our state inclusive, where the rights of underserved communities are protected, and values of equity are truly demonstrated in our actions, such as Governor Brown's recent Emergency Excessive Heat bill, which will protect farmworkers from dangerous, fatal work conditions during heatwaves; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Oregon, in partnership with the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs and their findings from their recent joint report, *Crisis de Nuestro Bienestar Latinx Mental Health Report*, continues to build equitable and just services to meet the needs of our culturally and linguistically diverse Hispanic and Latino/a/x communities so that all have opportunity to thrive and succeed.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 15- October 15, 2021** to be

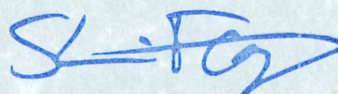
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 30, 2021.



Kate Brown, Governor



Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State

