

**PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2021**

WHEREAS, Michigan's Hispanic and Latino population has grown from 2010 to 2020, according to preliminary figures from the Census Bureau; figures from the 2020 census show that the 564,422 Hispanic and Latino residents in Michigan make up 5.6% of the state's population, up from 4.4% in 2010, and Troy's population is 3.4%, up from 2.1% in 2010; and

WHEREAS, With over 60 million Hispanic Americans residing in the United States, Hispanic Americans make up the largest minority group in the nation and have significantly contributed to our government, culture, and economy over generations; and

WHEREAS, The Hispanic community in America has made many important advances in areas of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theatre, and exploration. Hispanic Americans have provided Michigan and the United States with unique social and cultural influences, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a large number of residents of Spanish and Latin American descent, who grow businesses, offer innovative ideas, strengthen our economy, create jobs, and contribute to our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, During this month, Michigan's Hispanic American community will celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** through a series of special events featuring Hispanic history, food, dance, and art, celebrating the rich tradition and many contributions this community has made to our community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, We appreciate and honor the countless achievements of Hispanic Americans and continue our efforts to ensure our community is a welcoming and inclusive place that provides just and equal opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, The Theme for Hispanic Heritage Month, "**Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope**" invites us to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great our tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. It encourages everyone to reflect on all of the contributions Hispanics have made in the past, and will continue to make in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby proclaim the **Month of September 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to recognize and celebrate the vital role our Hispanic and Latino population have played in our Nation's history, as well as their outstanding achievements today and into the future. We applaud our own Troy residents and business owners and celebrate their contributions to our community and beyond.

Presented this 27th day of September 2021.