

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1968, Congress created Hispanic Heritage Week, and in 1988, it was extended to a month-long observance to celebrate the Hispanic culture; and

WHEREAS, since the 16th Century, the Hispanic influence has enriched the American culture in business, law, politics, education, community service, the arts, government, military service, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, every generation of Hispanic Americans have contributed to the advancement of freedom at home and abroad and in the protection of our homeland; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics who serve in so many capacities, such as teachers, mentors, business owners, members of Congress and members of the Supreme Court, are a significant part of the fabric of America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, whose love of family, hard work, and community, have given Glendale spirit and diversity and enrich our community today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2011, as

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and encourage all residents to make this month a time of commitment to the principles of unity, respect, and trust for the betterment of our community.

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of September 2011.