

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

WHEREAS, since the 16th Century, the Hispanic influence has enriched the American experience 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 by serving as police officers and firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans' growing influence and entrepreneurial spirit is driving economic growth by creating new businesses, jobs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, whose love of family, hard work and community have given Glendale spirit and diversity, 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, 2009 as

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

In witness hereof, I hereunto set my hand this 15th day of October 2009.