

Hispanic Heritage Month 2026

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, also known in the Hispanic community as “Mes de la Herencia Hispana,” is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th to honor the significant contributions of Hispanic Americans to our nation; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is “Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together,” highlighting the transformative contributions of Hispanic Americans in various fields such as science, art, politics, and community activism; and

WHEREAS, Latinx individuals are descendants from Latin American countries and may speak a variety of different languages, and Hispanics are individuals that speak Spanish and are descendants from Spanish-speaking countries; and

WHEREAS, September 15th begins the month of celebration as it is the anniversary of independence for many Latin American countries such as Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, and Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and 18th, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic residents have made significant contributions to the economic vitality of Orange County as entrepreneurs, business owners, workers, professionals, and community leaders, strengthening local businesses and creating opportunities for future generations; and

WHEREAS, diverse Hispanic communities have preserved and passed down generations of traditions, languages, stories, and customs that reflect the unique histories of countries and cultures across Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain, creating a lasting cultural legacy in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the resilience and perseverance of Hispanic and Latino communities, whose generations of families have overcome barriers, advocated for greater opportunity, and helped pave the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange is committed to recognizing Hispanic and Latinx culture and heritage as an important part of Orange County’s strong and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Consulate in Santa Ana represents the Mexican government in Orange County and offers resources and information to its Mexican citizens living in the area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUTNY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby proclaim and recognizes September 15 through October 15, 2026 as Hispanic Heritage Month and joins the Mexican Consulate in Santa Ana in celebrating the significant contributions of the Hispanic American community in the County and throughout the nation.