

- WHEREAS, The Hispanic heritage of the United States extends historically over five centuries and has been a consistent and vital influence in our country's growth, development, and long-term success; and
- WHEREAS, Hispanic or Latino culture is tied to Iberian ancestry, the rich tapestry of their culture recognizes that Hispanics and Latinos are multiracial and multicultural. Hispanics represent people with origins from over 20 countries throughout the United States, Latin America, South America, and Spain; and
- WHEREAS, In the City of Vancouver roughly 15% of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino; and
- WHEREAS, Hispanics have and continue to support Washington's economy with growing labor force contributions ranging in fields from professional and business services to education and health services, transportation, and utilities, to production, and much more; and
- WHEREAS, Continued access to resources, jobs, and livable wages for Hispanics is imperative for success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim 15<sup>th</sup> of September through the 15<sup>th</sup> of October as:

## " Hispanic Heritage Month "

in the City of Vancouver and encourage the community to join in this observance and participate in events that celebrate rich cultural traditions.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 9th day of September 2024.

ANNE MCENERNY-OGE, MAYOR