

**WHEREAS**, for decades, Americans have observed National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens who are residents of Hispanic origin from Mexico, Central America, South America, the Caribbean, and Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 1968, Congress and President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Week; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, Congress and President Ronald Reagan expanded the celebration of the Hispanic presence in the United States of America to a month-long commemoration; and

**WHEREAS**, every year the United States Congress and the White House call for public officials, educators, librarians, and all Americans to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with ceremonies, activities and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte's Patriotic Celebrations and Traditions Committee, also known as Fiestas Patrias, is commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Office of the U.S Census, Mecklenburg County is home to 153,000 Latinos; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte recognizes the extraordinary contributions made to this community by immigrants, residents, and citizens of Latino origin:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim the month of September 15 - October 15, 2021 as

## **“HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH”**

in Charlotte and commend its observance to all citizens.

**WITNESS OUR HAND** and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte.

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Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor  
City of Charlotte