



DECLARATION

OF THE

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

FOR

National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Week was established by legislation signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968 and later expanded to a month-long observance (September 15 to October 15) by President Ronald Reagan in 1988; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans whose roots trace back to Mexico, the Caribbean, Spain, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans, guided by their rich cultural heritage and commitment to the founding values of this nation, have made significant contributions to American life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic heritage is a vital part of our national identity, and this month serves as a reminder that the strength of America lies in its diversity—reflected in the achievements of Hispanic writers, scientists, service members, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, educators, and public servants; and

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is also a time to honor Hispanic Americans who have served—and continue to serve—in the U.S. Armed Forces, from the Civil War to the present, acknowledging their lasting contributions to the defense and building of our country.

NOW, THEREFORE,

The Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, does hereby declare September 15 through October 15, 2025, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN CLAY COUNTY

and, in so doing, we celebrate and honor the legacy, culture, and service of Hispanic Americans who have helped shape the United States into the vibrant and resilient Nation it is today.