



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2024
AS "NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande is welcoming, inclusive, and dedicated to improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit here; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15, the United States observes Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions, of those whose ancestors came to America from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to create awareness of the contributions of people of Hispanic Heritage to the American culture. Many people of Hispanic Heritage serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, teachers, journalists, first responders, artists, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is tied to the celebration of the rich tapestry of our community and reflects an array of distinct cultures;

WHEREAS, Arroyo Grande is fortunate to count among its population a large number of residents of Spanish and Latin American descent, who grow businesses, offer innovative ideas, strengthen our economy, create jobs, and contribute to our daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2024 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month" in Arroyo Grande and invite the community to learn more of the Hispanic culture, people, traditions and values that have positively enriched our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 9th day of September 2024.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

