



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe recognizes and honors contributions of all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, September 15th is the anniversary of independence for: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and September 16th is the anniversary of independence for Mexico; and September 18th is the anniversary of independence of Chile; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress adopted a resolution designating September 15 to October 15 of each year as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, our Hispanic community brings a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities, and religious traditions that are interwoven into the fabric of America; and

WHEREAS, our Hispanic community has a profound influence on our city and country by enhancing and shaping our national heritage with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

WHEREAS, during National Hispanic Heritage Month, the United States celebrates the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2020, in the City of Monroe as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

and call upon all residents in our community to learn more about the rich Hispanic culture, traditions and history, and celebrate the contributions that have been made to our country and our community by Hispanic Americans.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor