

Proclamation

**Recognizing September 15 – October 15, 2022  
as Hispanic Heritage Month**



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

**WHEREAS**, residents of Monroe who identify as Hispanic or Latino represent 19% of Monroe's residents and people who identify as Hispanic or Latino are people whose ancestors have lived in the Americas, including lands within today's United States for over 500 Years; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic people continue to be integral to the prosperity of the United States, and Monroe's Hispanic community has had, and continues to have, a profound influence on our city and country by enhancing and shaping our national heritage with centuries old traditions that reflect multiethnic and multicultural customs; and

**WHEREAS**, *Imagine Monroe* aspires that Monroe is a safe place for everyone, "where everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong," and as part of realizing *Imagine Monroe*, the City of Monroe recognizes and honors the diverse backgrounds and lived experiences of all residents of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Hispanic Employment Program Managers' theme for 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month Observance is: "**Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation**," and the theme encourages us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities and a stronger nation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize September 15 to October 15, 2022 as

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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 people of Hispanic heritage.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor