

Proclamation

***Recognizing September 15 – October 15, 2021  
as Hispanic Heritage Month***



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

**WHEREAS**, September 15<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of independence for: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua; and September 16<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of independence for Mexico; and September 18<sup>th</sup> 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**, residents of Monroe identifying as Hispanic or Latino is 19 percent as recorded in the 2020 United States Census; 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, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize September 15 to October 15, 2021 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas".

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor