

CITY OF ST. HELENA PROCLAMATION
LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 – October 15, 2016

WHEREAS, on August 17, 1988, Public Law 100-402, authorized the President of the United States to annually commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month (observed in Napa valley as Latino Heritage Month) from September 15 to October 15; and

WHEREAS, National Latino Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural traditions and honor the significant achievements of our Latino American communities; and

WHEREAS, Latinos are the largest ethnic minority group in the country, the fastest growing minority community in the commonwealth, and make valuable contributions to the commonwealth in business, industry, government, education, the sciences, arts, and faith; and

WHEREAS, Latinos have served with distinction in military conflicts since the Revolutionary War and continue to defend our country today as members of the Armed Forces. These brave men and women bring us honor and we are grateful for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, this month includes the anniversaries of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Chile, Belize and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the respective backgrounds of Latino Americans and their dedication to family values are an integral part of St. Helena. They have made enormous contributions to our diverse society by sharing their talents, culture, traditions, and their deep connection to family values. With a commitment to faith and a desire to live the American dream and Latino St. Helenian's embrace the ideals upon which the commonwealth was founded.

Now, therefore let it be resolved, that I, Alan Galbraith, Mayor of the City of St. Helena, do hereby proclaim September 15- October 15, 2016, as **LATINO HERITAGE MONTH** in St. Helena. I join with all Americans in celebrating the heritage and achievements of Latino Americans and recognizing their contributions to our nation.

Dated: September 27, 2016

Alan Galbraith, Mayor

City of St. Helena

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