



Thursday, September 11, 2025

PROCLAMATION
HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA Y LATINA
September 15, 2025, to October 15, 2025

Recognizing Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month in Cheverly and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanics and Latinos, and the immense contributions the Hispanic and Latino Communities have made to enrich the Town of Cheverly.

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an official celebration of American citizens whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean, a recognition that started as a week-long celebration in 1968 by the federal government and is now celebrated across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the start of the heritage month, September 15th, is significant as several Latin American countries celebrate their independence from Spain on this day, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence on September 16th and 18th, respectively; and

WHEREAS, twenty years later, the celebration was expanded to dedicate a full month recognizing the generations of Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have positively influenced and enriched our society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month uplifts a cultural legacy that shares values deeply rooted in rich traditions that harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and perseverance to succeed and contribute to society; and

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

WHEREAS, in keeping with the national theme, “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,” we encourage everyone to celebrate the deep cultural traditions and historical achievements of Hispanic and Latino communities while looking forward to future innovations and contributions; and

WHEREAS, as of 2023, the Hispanic and Latino American workforce has increased to 31.8 million in the United States, and the labor force participation rate of 67 percent is among the highest of any race or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans are integrated and dedicated members in all levels of government, including the Supreme Court, Congress, the House of Representatives, state legislatures, county councils, and local elected officials; and



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WHEREAS, members of the Hispanic and Latino American Communities have contributed to the Town of Cheverly through diversity and active participation as elected officials, town staff, volunteers, and board members; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans are currently being unjustly targeted under the false pretense of immigration enforcement, a campaign that inflicts harm, divides families, and fuels fear in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the disproportionate targeting of Hispanic and Latino Americans makes it imperative that we observe Hispanic Heritage Month not only as a celebration, but as a call to action – to uplift voices, defend rights, and strengthen solidarity in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Cheverly Town Council does hereby proclaim September 15, 2025, through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month in the Town of Cheverly. We encourage the community to celebrate our collective progress shared with the Hispanic and Latino communities, learn from the strength that derives from their diversity, and honor a shared spirit of self-determination, dignity, and respect for cultural heritage.

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Attest:

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