



## PROCLAMATION

### National Hispanic Heritage Month 2025

**WHEREAS**, a significant percentage of Joliet Township residents identify as Hispanic, Latino, Latina, Latine, or of Latin American descent; and

**WHEREAS**, the term Latino refers to individuals with ancestry from Latin American countries and the term Hispanic refers to individuals with ancestry from Spanish-speaking countries, including Spain. Both identities encompass people of diverse racial backgrounds, including Black/African, Asian, and Indigenous communities, as well as intersectional identities such as members of Queer communities. Latinx and Latine are gender-neutral or non-binary terms for people of Latin American descent; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed nationally from September 15 to October 15, beginning with the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico and Chile on September 16 and 18; and

**WHEREAS**, this month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of people whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino leaders, movements and advocates have created a more equitable society with legacies including but not limited to the work of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez in the Farmworker Rights Movement, the organizing of the Brown Berets and the Young Lords, and the groundbreaking achievements of Sonia Sotomayor as the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice; and

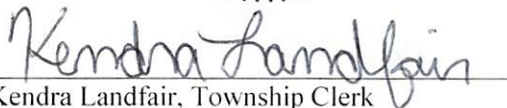
**WHEREAS**, present-day Hispanic and Latine leaders, innovators, and community members continue to shape our society through contributions in education, public service, business, science, the arts, and civic engagement, carrying forward a legacy of resilience and leadership that strengthens Joliet Township and the nation; and

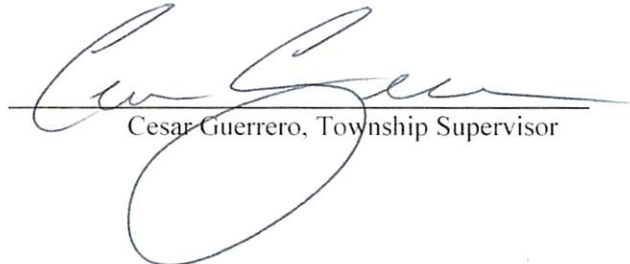
**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED** that the Board of Joliet Township Government, hereby proclaims September 15 through October 15, 2025, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Joliet Township.

**ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.



ATTEST:

  
Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk

  
Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor