



Proclamation

National Hispanic Heritage Month 2026

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from September 15th through October 15th to recognize and celebrate the histories and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans represent a diversity of national origins, racial and ethnic identities, languages, cultures, and lived experiences, each shaping integral parts of the broader American story and contributing to our nation's evolving identity; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the census report, Hispanic and Latino residents who call our community home make up over half of our population, making Hispanic and Latino communities an essential and vibrant part of the social, cultural, economic, and civic fabric of our Township; and

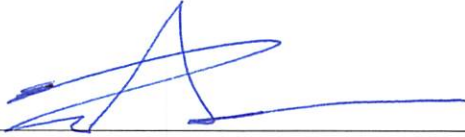
WHEREAS, the contributions of Hispanic and Latino residents extend across every part of our community, from small business owners, workers, educators, students, and healthcare professionals to community leaders, volunteers, artists, advocates, and public servants, with their leadership and participation strengthening Joliet Township as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and celebrate the vital work of local organizations that strengthen and uplift Hispanic and Latino communities throughout Joliet and the surrounding region, including the Spanish Community Center, whose longstanding commitment to educational, social, family, immigration, and community services helps create pathways to stability, opportunity, and belonging for residents across our community; and the Joliet Latino Economic Development Association (LEDA), which advances economic opportunity for Latino entrepreneurs and businesses by connecting them with educational, cultural, civic, and business resources and helping cultivate a more prosperous and equitable local economy; and

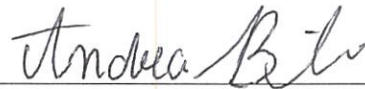
WHEREAS, organizations such as these demonstrate that a thriving community is built not only through government, but through trusted community institutions, local entrepreneurs, educators, advocates, families, and residents who invest their time, talent, and resources in creating a more inclusive and equitable future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Joliet Township Board hereby recognizes **National Hispanic Heritage Month** and encourages all residents to use this month as an opportunity not only to celebrate the richness, brilliance, and diversity of Hispanic and Latino heritages that continues to inspire generations, but also a call to amplify Hispanic and Latino voices and experiences, honor the trailblazers who broke barriers and forged pathways forward, and learn from and reaffirm a commitment to carry on the enduring legacies of Hispanic and Latino peoples whose courage, creativity, and resilience have profoundly shaped the world.

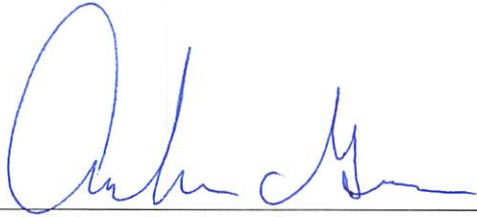
ADOPTED this 8th day of September of 2026.



Quinn Adamowski, Trustee



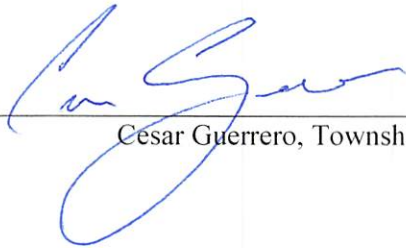
Andrea Bibian, Trustee



Archie Gavin, Trustee

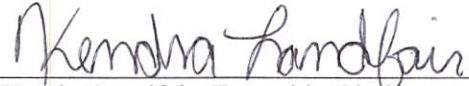


Betty Washington, Trustee



Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:



Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk