



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2024 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, in San Juan County, residents self-identify as Hispanic, Latino, Latina, Latine and Latinx, as well as identifying with their national or cultural origins and roots; and

WHEREAS, the dates of Hispanic Heritage Month were chosen to honor the anniversary of the 1812 independence declarations in five Latin American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua); and independence days in Mexico, Chile, and Belize; and

WHEREAS, the islands greatly benefit from the stories, experiences, traditions, art, and culture Hispanic families share, and the County is proud to celebrate their heritage and grateful to be able to share in it; and

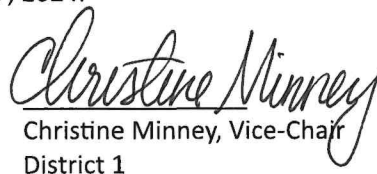
WHEREAS, this month encourages us to reflect on the legacy of Hispanic people who have influenced our nation's history and serve today as leaders in all aspects of our national and local lives from the halls of Congress to volunteer boards and committees across all of the United States; and

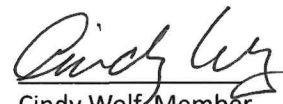
WHEREAS, Hispanic people continue their rich tradition of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic and political vitality of San Juan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Juan County Council, in the State of Washington, does hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month in San Juan County and encourages all residents, businesses, and visitors to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month by engaging in dialogue, sharing stories, and collaborating with local partners, organizations, and residents in an effort to make San Juan County an inclusive and welcoming space for all.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the San Juan County Council at a regularly scheduled meeting held on September 17, 2024.


Jane Fuller, Chair
District 3


Christine Minney, Vice-Chair
District 1


Cindy Wolf, Member
District 2