

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Holland joins other communities across our nation in honoring the many ways the Hispanic community contributes to our common goals in working together toward a stronger and inclusive future and a more prosperous America for all; and,

Whereas, we pause to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 until October 15, 2024. The 2024 theme for Hispanic Heritage month is "Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together; and,

Whereas, the Hispanic/Latino community in the city of Holland makes up approximately 24%, or approximately 8,255 of our population of 34,540. Many came for agricultural work and stayed in the community for greater economic stability to provide a better future for their families.

Whereas, we recognize the contributions of Hispanics, Latinos, and those Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and,

Whereas, we benefit from the many contributions of Hispanic health care professionals, educators, agricultural workers, community leaders, factory workers, pastors, business owners, public service workers, service industry personnel, volunteers, and private residents; and,

Whereas, the heart and soul of the Hispanic community, rests in their devotion to faith, family, and resilience to withstand hardship. In that same vein, we recognize the great strength of current and future Hispanic youth and the contributions they will make in the future of our community; and,

Whereas, we invite residents to participate in Hispanic Heritage Month programming throughout the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15 until October 15, 2024,

Hispanic Heritage Month

We encourage our residents to share in this annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latin Americans who have influenced and enriched our community.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 18th day of September 2024

Mayor Nathan Bocks