## STATE OF FLORIDA CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans contribute to every walk of American life while simultaneously preserving the culture and traditions of their ancestral homeland; and

WHEREAS, this observance honors Hispanic Americans who share elements from their ancestral homelands, seen in their cuisine, language and the arts, adding their own distinct and dynamic perspective to our Nation's story, and who have had a lasting impact on our Nation's history and have helped drive hard won progress for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month became a national observance celebration in 1988 when it was approved by the 100th Congress and begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hondurans, and Nicaragua; and

WHEREAS, this month long celebration is a moment to reaffirm our commitment to dismantle historic racial and socioeconomic disparities, having negatively impacted Hispanic communities, ensuring the American dream is within reach for generations of Hispanic Americans to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Jane Bolin to proclaim the month of September as

## **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

BY: JANE BOLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK