

STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans carry forward the legacy of explorers, missionaries, soldiers and pioneers whose resolute spirit shaped our nation, and continue to enrich every facet of American society while honoring the rich cultural and historic traditions of their ancestral homelands; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration, providing an opportunity to honor the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have enriched our nation and strengthened our communities; and

WHEREAS, this meaningful observance celebrates the profound contributions of Hispanic Americans, through their distinctive cuisine, language, arts, and values as they represent perspectives and achievements that have fundamentally shaped our Nation's identity and advanced progress for all; and

WHEREAS, this month-long celebration also underscores the importance of cultural preservation, language, intergenerational traditions, and the values of faith, family, resilience, and community, which are hallmarks of Hispanic heritage and aligned with the best of our shared American values; and

WHEREAS, the City will host Latin Fest, a free, family-friendly event that highlights live music by Salsabor All Stars, children's activities, food trucks, and more on Friday, September 18, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Jaco Pastorius Park.

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 Steven R. Arnst to proclaim the month of September as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the City of Oakland Park and encourages all residents to join in recognizing the achievements, contributions, cultures, and traditions of Hispanic and Latino Americans and to participate in programs and activities celebrating the rich diversity that strengthens our community

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of September 2026.

BY: _____
STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK