



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic American citizens and highlights the countless achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson; this was observed annually until 1988 when it was expanded by President Ronald Reagan to the period of September 15th through October 15th and became National Hispanic Heritage Month, and this has been celebrated annually since then; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty million Americans of Hispanic origin today contribute to our national diversity, enriching the quality of American life with centuries old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

WHEREAS, this observance affords special opportunities to become more knowledgeable about Hispanic heritage and to honor the many Hispanic Americans who represent a significant and fast growing demographic of the City of Bessemer City, we honor the invaluable ways they contribute to our country; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Becky S. Smith, Mayor of Bessemer City and Commissioners of the City of Bessemer City, do hereby proclaim the month beginning September 15 and ending October 15, 2021 as National Hispanic Heritage Month and urge all citizens to join us in celebrating the great contributions of Hispanic Americans to our city, state, and nation.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bessemer City to be affixed, this the 29th Day of September, 2021.

Dan Boling, Mayor Pro Tempore, Ward 1

Kay McCatheen, Ward 2

Joe Will, Ward 3

Becky S. Smith, Mayor



Hydeia Hayes, City Clerk

Brenda Boyd, Ward 4

Alfred Carpenter, Ward 5

Donnie Griffin, Ward 6