

## ***Hispanic Heritage Month***

***WHEREAS***, in 1968 Congress created Hispanic Heritage Week and in 1988 was extended to a month-long observance, from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>; and

***WHEREAS***, since the 16<sup>th</sup> Century the Hispanic influence has enriched the American culture and is evident in our language, celebrations, architecture, agriculture, and art; and

***WHEREAS***, it is recognized that Hispanics have given Glendale spirit and diversity which continues to enrich the community today; and

***WHEREAS***, Hispanic Heritage Month demonstrates the unity and diversity of Hispanics from around the world, who will celebrate their colorful and distinct culture, which includes people with roots in Latin American Countries throughout North, Central and South America; and

***WHEREAS***, Hispanic Americans have contributed to the advancement of freedom at home and abroad and have helped to strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights and the great strides that have been made in all walks of life including higher education, government, religion, and in programs aimed to eliminate the barriers of inequality.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council and myself do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2007, as

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*and encourage all residents to make this month a time of rededication to the principles of unity, respect and trust for the betterment of our community.*

*In Witness Thereof, I hereunto set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2007.*