

Hispanic Heritage Month

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

WHEREAS, since the 16th Century the Hispanic influence in the American Southwest has been 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, knowledge of the Hispanic contribution to our society can 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, 2006, 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 26th day of September 2006.