

1 [Latin@ Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15, 2025]

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3 **Resolution declaring September 15 through October 15, 2025, as “Latin@ Heritage**
4 **Month” in the City and County of San Francisco to honor and to celebrate the**
5 **contributions of the Latin@ community.**
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7 WHEREAS, Latin@ Heritage Month honors and celebrates the rich history, culture,
8 and importance of the Latin@ community throughout the entire United States, acknowledging
9 their contribution to the fabric of this nation; and

10 WHEREAS, This celebration begins on September 15 to commemorate the
11 independence from monarchy of several Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El
12 Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. This also includes also includes Mexico's
13 Independence Day on September 16 and Chile's on September 18, making it a month-long
14 event; and

15 WHEREAS, Latin American countries and cultures have a long history of revolution in
16 the name of equal rights, justice, and equal representation and against the rule of
17 dictatorships which is shared with the history of the United States and our nation's
18 independence from monarchy; and

19 WHEREAS, Later, Latin@ Heritage Month was born out of the 1960s Civil Rights
20 Movement and continues to symbolize the struggles faced by Latin Americans and their
21 resistance against injustice; and

22 WHEREAS, Latin@ Heritage Month offers the opportunity for communities, cultural
23 institutions, organizations, schools, businesses, and elected officials to reflect on the enduring
24 spirit of the Latin American fight for independence and the legacy of the Latin@ community on
25 San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is known as a refuge for the
2 peoples, traditions, arts, languages, cultures, and innovations originating from Latin America;
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4 WHEREAS, The Latin@ community serves as the backbone of the San Francisco
5 economy, from visiting the City as tourists to working in hospitality, and deserves not just
6 equal rights under the laws of the United States of America, but also due respect and freedom
7 from persecution; and

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco will continue to be a haven amid external forces that
9 threaten the civil rights and immigrant protections of Latin Americans; and

10 WHEREAS, This year, the Latin@ community has shown immense resilience through
11 continued contribution to the nation's economy and an enduring celebration of their vibrant
12 culture despite attacks on their very right to exist; and

13 WHEREAS, Latin@ Heritage Month is more than a remembrance of independence but
14 a motivation toward the current and future fight for justice; and now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 hereby declares September 15 through October 15, 2025, as "Latin@ Heritage Month" in the
17 City and County of San Francisco; and, be it;

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will continue to support and to
19 uplift Latin@ communities in achieving equal rights and equitable outcomes through
20 investments, resources, fair representation, and leadership opportunities.