Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15–October 15, 2026

WHEREAS the month from September 15, 2026, to October 15, 2026, has been designated National Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated by highlighting the vast influence of Latinos in the United States; and

WHEREAS the events during this month give the opportunity to highlight the positive aspects of the culture and show the diversity of the Hispanic community in the City of Lancaster; and

WHEREAS the City of Lancaster has a significant number of residents whose families originate from Puerto Rico and countries such as the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, and other Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS Hispanic residents make up more than 40% of the population of Lancaster City; and

WHEREAS Hispanic workers have richly contributed to all aspects of society, including but not limited to, arts, labor, education, military service, and the medical field; and

WHEREAS Hispanic workers have advocated for inclusion, acceptance, and tolerance for all; and

WHEREAS Lancaster City elected its first Latino Mayor and Mayor of Color in 2025; and

WHEREAS we celebrate and recognize the strong commitment to family, community, and hard work that Hispanic citizens have brought to the City of Lancaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jaime Arroyo, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 15–October 15, 2026 as **Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Lancaster, and encourage all residents and visitors to recognize and celebrate the innumerable contributions Hispanic residents bring to Lancaster City.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand caused the seal of this City to be affixed.

Seal of the City of Lancaster Pennsylvania

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Jaime Arroyo, Mayor
September 1, 2026