

**Whereas**, the City of Glendale traces its history back to its days as a Spanish settlement once belonging to the Verdugo Family and part of the colonial New Spain, a land of indigenous and multi-racial people. A 36,000-acre area known as Rancho San Rafael that included much of what later became Glendale, Burbank, Montrose, Eagle Rock, La Crescenta, Glassell Park and Sunland-Tujunga. When the city of Glendale first came into existence, in 1876, it was called Verdugo; and

**Whereas**, the City of Glendale has embraced and recognizes the benefits and the beauty of cultural diversity and has become a strong advocate of racial justice and inclusivity of all its residents; and

**Whereas**, Hispanic Heritage holds a special place in the history of Glendale and continues to thrive in the fabric of Glendale through its residents, entrepreneurs, writers, artists, public servants, veterans, engineers, doctors, academics and leaders in government and labor; and

**Whereas**, our community has been enriched by vast rhythms of Latino music; a variety of talented artists; the spices of food we enjoy; and laborers from the front lines, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, childcare providers to laborers that are the backbone of our city; and

**Whereas**, we are part of a nation with 62.1 million Hispanics, making up 19.1% of the US population (19.9% of Glendale's population) and accounting for \$2 trillion in buying power and the largest and fastest-growing ethnic minority; we recognize that America cannot succeed unless Hispanic families succeed; and

**Whereas**, each year Americans observe Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the many contributions and the history of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America; and

**Whereas**, we are proud of a heritage that includes Indigenous, African, Asian, Arab, and European heritage. We are most proud of the humanity that includes a people from: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the unincorporated U.S. territory, Puerto Rico; and

**Whereas**, here we are standing, a proud people that can't be drawn with one line, ¡Qué viva la América! ¡Qué viva Latino Glendale! and

**Now, therefore**, I, Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian, Mayor of the City of Glendale, proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2022 as,

## **National Hispanic Heritage Month 2022**

**Ardashes "Ardy" Kassakhian, Mayor**  
October 11, 2022