

# Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor

### Hispanic Heritage Month

**Whereas**, each year from September 15th through October 15th, Americans celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, also known as “Mes de la Herencia Hispana,” a time dedicated to honoring and recognizing the rich histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

**Whereas**, Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the more than 60 million Hispanic Americans whose contributions have strengthened our nation and enriched our communities through their achievements, traditions, and dedication to creating a more vibrant and prosperous society; and

**Whereas**, Hispanic Heritage Month began as Hispanic Heritage Week, introduced by Congressman George E. Brown in June 1968, and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988 to recognize the significant impact and achievements of Hispanic Americans throughout the history of the United States; and

**Whereas**, through determination, innovation, hard work, and perseverance, Hispanic Americans have played an essential role in shaping the growth and success of our nation, state, and local communities; and

**Whereas**, Hispanic and Latino Americans have made extraordinary contributions across countless fields, including education, business, science, technology, healthcare, government, public service, the arts, agriculture, and the military, strengthening our cultural heritage, economic vitality, and global presence; and

**Whereas**, Hispanic Heritage Month serves as an opportunity for all residents to recognize and celebrate the diversity that strengthens our community while honoring the perseverance, resilience, and achievements of generations of Hispanic Americans who have advanced the principles of equality, opportunity, and inclusion; and

**Whereas**, the City of Sunrise proudly recognizes the many Hispanic Americans who have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces, earning commendations for their courage, leadership, and patriotism. Today, Hispanic Americans continue this proud tradition through service in our Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserve units, defending our freedoms and protecting our nation; and

**Whereas**, the City of Sunrise is proud to celebrate the rich heritage, culture, and countless contributions of its Hispanic and Latino residents who continue to strengthen our community and make Sunrise a more diverse, welcoming, and exceptional place to live, work, and visit.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, along with the City Commission hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2026 as **Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Sunrise with this year's theme, “Unidos, Somos Más” (“Together, We Are More”), celebrates the unity, resilience, and collective impact of Hispanic and Latino communities. The theme recognizes that while Hispanic heritage encompasses many countries, cultures, and traditions, shared values of family, service, perseverance, and creativity continue to unite generations and strengthen our communities. It serves as a reminder that together, we are stronger and our collective contributions help shape a brighter future for all.

Witness My Hand and Official Seal of  
The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor

