RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 15, 2014

WHEREAS, Hispanic/Latinos have been an important part of the national and local history and heritage of the United States, California and Marin County, and they bring unique perspectives and experiences that strengthen our community character. In September 1968, President Johnson proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Week, which was expanded by Congress in 1989 to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, Marin County embraces a growing and vibrant multicultural Latino community, with roots in Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Spain. Marin County history records early Spanish settlements, with many Spanish names still gracing our County as the names of our cities, towns, streets and neighborhoods; including Tiburon, Sausalito, San Rafael, Novato, Terra Linda, Point Reyes, Corte Madera, Nicasio, Las Gallinas, Lagunitas and San Pedro. Mission San Rafael Arcángel, built in 1817 and one of 21 mission build along the El Camino Real, is one of the oldest buildings in our County; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino Community is represented by roughly 47 million Latinos living and working in this country. With more than 1.4 million Hispanic residents, California has the nation’s largest Hispanic population. By 2020, nearly 41% of California’s population will identify as Hispanic/Latino. In Marin County, the Hispanic/Latino population is 15.7% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and minority-owned businesses are the backbone of our nation’s economy and an engine of job creation and exports. This sector has grown at a fast pace, creating millions of jobs for Americans. According to the U.S. Census, California has the largest number of Hispanic-owned businesses with 25.1% of all Hispanic-owned firms in the U.S. In 2014, it was calculated that these businesses contribute 650,000 jobs to the California economy and bring in $100 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, 1.2 millions Hispanic/Latinos serve our country in the Armed Forces. Courageous Hispanic/Latino men and women have received the highest number of decorations in times of war than any other ethnic minority. Marin County is proud to recognize Novato resident, Lt. Cmwr. Javier Delgado of the U.S. Coast Guard in Pt. Reyes Station, for instituting an Annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration with his troops; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, the Latino community has continued to rise above many challenges and break new ground in this country - economically, socially and politically. Marin County locally formed MCOLE - Marin County Organization of Latino Employees to support its large Latino employee group and whose mission is to enhance the appreciation of Latino diversity, to support the cultural competency of all employees, to celebrate the diversity of all County staff, and to provide network, educational and leadership opportunities within the County of Marin for members of MCOLE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims September 15 – October 14, 2014, as “National Hispanic Heritage Month” to honor the many contributions that Hispanic/Latino Americans and residents have made for the betterment of our county.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 23rd day of September 2014.

KATHRYN SEARS – DISTRICT 3, PRESIDENT

STEVE KINSEY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4

COUNTY OF MARIN