



# *Proclamation*

of the City Council

## **National Hispanic Heritage Month**

**WHEREAS**, Nearly 50 years after the United States first observed what was then National Hispanic Heritage Week, Hispanics represent a vibrant and thriving part of our diverse Nation. Their histories and cultures stretch across centuries, and the contributions of those who come to our shores today in search of their dreams continue to add new chapters in our national story; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, we honor the rich heritage of the Hispanic Community and celebrate its countless achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement (AHA) was established in 1992 by 15 local Hispanic/Latino business leaders and concerned community members; and

**WHEREAS**, too often local newspapers and media would often focus on Hispanic/Latino criminal and gang activities and to combat these stereotypes the initial purpose was to bring forward positive representation of Hispanic heritage and the countless contributions made in the Yuba Sutter region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement mission is “to be leaders in improving the quality of life for people of Hispanic heritage in our local communities. They have accomplished their mission through community action, education enhancement and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the following are a summary of collective memorable accomplishments in past 27 years AHA has:

- Awarded over \$175,000 of scholarships to high school students in Sutter and Yuba Counties
- Adopted and donated food baskets to more than 500 families every holiday season
- Partnered with the US Department of Forestry launched Proyecto Navidad in which we introduce Hispanic/Latino children through a day field trip to the foothills USDF staff teaches the importance of re-forestation and land preservation

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Shon Harris, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2019 to be National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Proclaimed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.