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PROCLAMATION FOR HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH BETWEEN CONCILIO HISPANO INC. AND THE CITY OF LENOIR 2026

WHEREAS, the United States of America observes National Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month ("Mes de la Herencia Latina y Hispana") from September 15 to October 15 each year since its inception in 1968; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the annual opportunity to celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of those residing in the United States whose roots stem from Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, or Hispanic origins; and

WHEREAS, we are encouraged by the growth of *la Comunidad Latina* ("Latino's Community") in our City and the contributions from la Comunidad Latina in enriching our City; and

WHEREAS, we fully believe that the growth of la Comunidad Latina makes the City of Lenoir a more culturally diverse and welcoming area for anyone who chooses to make the City of Lenoir their home for themselves and their future generations; and

WHEREAS, we are guided *by* the City's motto, "Create With Us", and Concilio's mission in creating a more welcoming hometown, both working in harmony towards a common mission of ensuring that all persons who choose to make Lenoir their home are invited to do so; and

WHEREAS, we reiterate our shared call for community, unity, and protection, confident in our mission and vision for our City and everyone residing within it.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor of the City of Lenoir and the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2026 to October 15, 2026 to be **Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month** and calls on all congregations, organizations, businesses, and people within Lenoir and Caldwell County to join us and the community in observing Latino and Hispanic Heritage Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lenoir, North Carolina to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2026.

SEAL

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Joseph L. Gibbons, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lauren Hartley, City Clerk