

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** On the night of September 15, 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla of Dolores in Guanajuato, Mexico, gave the signal for his people to rise up in arms and free themselves from Spain; and

**WHEREAS,** After a long and weary revolutionary struggle, Mexico was established as a free and independent nation in 1821; and

**WHEREAS,** United Mexican States has since grown in stature and importance to be one of the leading independent nations of the Western Hemisphere, adding the richness of its culture and heritage to Kansas through the state's many citizens of Mexican ancestry; and

**WHEREAS,** The celebration of freedom and independence is a tribute to the achievements which have made possible a way of life for the people as individuals in a free society; and

**WHEREAS,** We are proud to celebrate 97 years of the Community Mexican Fiesta celebration in Garden City which is a tradition that has provided cultural richness to our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Garden City residents who are of Hispanic heritage have had an opportunity to rejoice in celebrating and utilizing Hispanic American cultural traditions; and

**WHEREAS,** Hispanics have contributed their interests, dedication, and accomplishments in promoting the economic and social growth to Garden City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Deborah Oyler, Mayor of the City of Garden City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as:

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

In Garden City, and urge all residents of the city to join in this observance.

**SIGNED AND SEALED** this 5th day of September, 2023.

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Deborah Oyler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Celyn N. Hurtado, City Clerk