

CITY OF KINSTON

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

National Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, each year from the 15th of September to the 15th of October, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, Hispanics comprise roughly 11.4% of the population of the State of North Carolina as of 2023, and have both an integral and necessary community in our state;

WHEREAS, Lenoir County's population is roughly 9.2% Hispanic, as of 2023;

WHEREAS, the City of Kinston openly welcomes and supports its distinct cultural diversity;

WHEREAS, we are further inspired by the economic, social, and cultural contributions of the Hispanic community within Kinston and Lenoir County; and

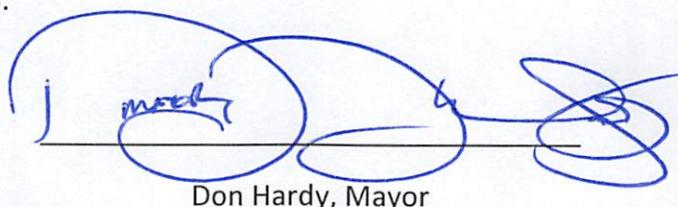
WHEREAS, we understand that although this national recognition lasts each year for one month, we work endlessly to create a more socially-inclusive and diverse society with equality for all populations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Hardy, Mayor of the City of Kinston, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2023, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina, and extend best wishes to all of our communities as they hold appropriate ceremonies to commemorate this observance

This 1st day of September 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Hardy" followed by "Mayor" underneath. The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Don" and "Hardy" being the most prominent parts.