

## PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was then expanded into a month-long celebration and officially enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988; and

**WHEREAS,** National Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> each year by celebrating the histories, cultures, and traditions of those whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Americans make up the second largest racial or ethnic group in the United States and have helped to shape the social, political, and economic landscape of our country and our community; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate and honor the countless achievements of Hispanic Americans. Many people of Hispanic Heritage serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, teachers, first responders, healthcare professionals, artists, athletes, inventors, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month 2022 is "Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation", encouraging us to ensure that all voices are represented and welcomed to help build stronger communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim** September 15th to October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month and encourage our Fircrest community to celebrate this month through activities that enlighten and inspire our understanding of the heritage of our Hispanic families, neighbors, and friends.

Passed this 13th day of September 2022

Brett L. Wittner, Mayor