



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide from September 15th through October 15th as we acknowledge that Hispanic heritage is American heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that September is a significant month because it is the anniversary of independence for the following Latin American countries: Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sunshine State looks forward to highlighting the rich culture, art, history, food, music and traditions of all Latin-American nations during this month-long celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, with Florida having the third largest population of Hispanics and Latin Americans in the nation with over 5 million Hispanic residents residing in the state, we celebrate the contributions they have made to the State of Florida; and

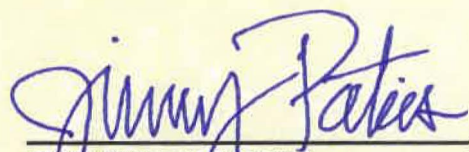
**WHEREAS**, many Hispanic and Latin Americans are successful entrepreneurs and play a vital role in Florida's economy and workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, we give our appreciation to the Hispanic and Latin communities across Florida for their work to better the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup> as

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 15th day of September 2022.

  
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**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL