

## Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation 2025

**WHEREAS**, Each year, communities across our nation observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of generations of Hispanic-Americans whose ancestors came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month provides a dedicated time to honor the invaluable contributions of Hispanics/Latinos to our state, while celebrating the vibrant culture that strengthens our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this celebration was first established in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to span the period from September 15 to October 15; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics/Latinos hail from diverse nations and cultures, each contributing a unique and dynamic perspective to the history and progress of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics/Latinos are among the fastest-growing ethnic groups in the Palmetto State, enriching our communities through their unwavering dedication to faith, hard work, and family; and

**WHEREAS**, we proudly recognize, support, and celebrate this 4th Annual Cultural Heritage Celebration in the City of Walhalla; and

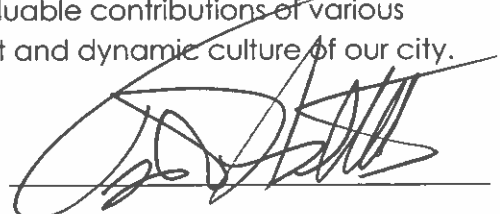
**WHEREAS**, the theme "Raíces y Resistencia: Honoring Our Past, Defending Our Future" aims to honor those who have paved the way for future generations. It invites us to celebrate Hispanic heritage and history while also empowering the leaders of tomorrow.

**WHEREAS**, the city of Walhalla remains committed to fostering and enhancing collaboration across sectors, cultures, and ideas, advocating for resources that promote economic and community development, and engaging with local, county, and statewide networks; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and commend the South Carolina Commission of Community Advancement and Engagement for its diligent efforts in addressing the challenges and opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that the gifts, values, and personal sacrifices of our Hispanic brothers and sisters are woven inextricably into the fabric of our common community heritage, strengthen our society, and are vital to achieving our hopes and dreams for South Carolina;

**THEREFORE**, I, Tim Hall, Mayor of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina, by this proclamation, declare the period from September 15 to October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Walhalla. I encourage all citizens to celebrate and recognize the invaluable contributions of various communities, which have enriched and shaped the vibrant and dynamic culture of our city.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim O. Hall', is written over a horizontal line.

Tim O. Hall, Mayor