



# City of Framingham

## Proclamation

### October 7, 2025

#### GUATEMALA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY AND HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, September 15th marks the anniversary of the signing of the Act of Independence of Guatemala in 1821, a pivotal moment when the people of Guatemala declared their freedom and sovereignty, paving the way for generations to celebrate their rich history and enduring national spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, this day honors Guatemala's vibrant culture, cherished traditions, dynamic art, music, and cuisine, and the resilience of a people whose contributions continue to enrich communities far beyond their homeland; and

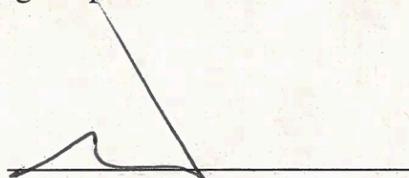
**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is home to a thriving Guatemalan-American community, with more than 40,000 residents of Guatemalan origin statewide, who strengthen our economy, civic life, and cultural identity; and

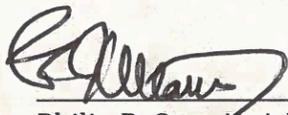
**WHEREAS**, here in the City of Framingham, a growing and dynamic Guatemalan community is part of the more than 12,000 residents of Hispanic and Latino heritage who make up roughly one-fifth of our city's population, contributing to Framingham's diversity, vitality, and sense of community; and

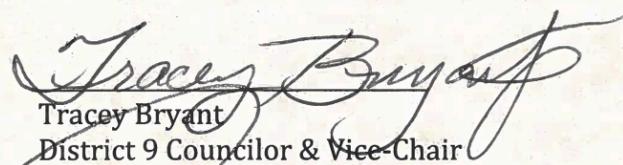
**WHEREAS**, their industriousness, entrepreneurship, cultural traditions, and civic engagement have deeply enriched Framingham's social fabric, helping to make our city a more welcoming, vibrant, and inclusive place for all; and

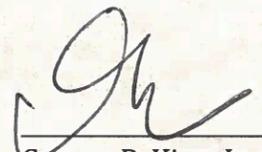
**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Guatemala's Independence Day coincides with National Hispanic Heritage Month, observed from September 15 to October 15, when we honor the history, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans, including those of Guatemalan descent, who have shaped our nation and our city;

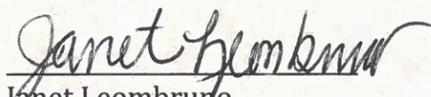
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Charlie Sisitsky, the Mayor of the City of Framingham, in conjunction with the Framingham City Council, do hereby recognize **Guatemalan Independence Day and Hispanic Heritage Month** in the City of Framingham, and I encourage all residents to join in celebrating the profound contributions of the Guatemalan community and to honor the diversity that strengthens and unites us all.

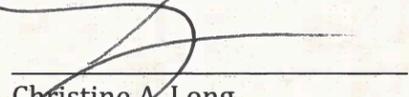
  
Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor

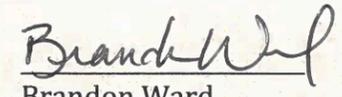
  
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District 6 Councilor & Chair

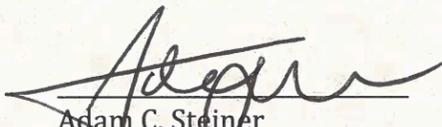
  
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Councilor-at-Large

  
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Councilor-at-Large

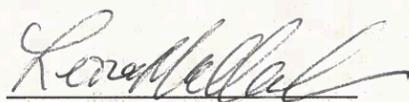
  
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District 1 Councilor

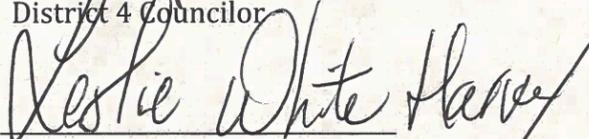
  
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District 3 Councilor

  
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District 8 Councilor

Attested to by:

  
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Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

