



Town of Taos  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
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***For Immediate Release:***

**Press Release – Mayor and Council Declare Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – Taos, NM** The Mayor and Council have declared September 15 through October 15, 2014, and for each subsequent year, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

At the Tuesday meeting of the Council, the Town Manager read a proclamation citing the long history of contributions of the Hispanic and Latino communities to the culture, government, architecture, art and preservation of our lands, water and way of life in Taos, the state and nationally.

Since 1968, September 15<sup>th</sup> has marked the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage, honoring the Hispanic explorers, discoverers, pioneers, settlers, leaders and everyday contributors to our local and national identity and that helped shape the nation, history and freedoms that we celebrate today.

The Proclamation, approved unanimously by the Mayor and Council, stated:

*NOW BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Taos that September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup> shall heretofore be declared annually in the Town of Taos as Hispanic Heritage Month in honor of the many contributions of our current and past residents, community leaders, artists and artisans, farmers and caretakers of our lands and water, teachers, healers, mothers and fathers, and families that have contributed so much of themselves every day to make this community and our State, rich in spirit, rich in culture, rich in history and rich in family, community and promise.*

A copy of the full Proclamation is attached.

Mayor Dan Barrone said, “This is just one small way we want to continue to recognize the many, many important contributions of all of our citizens in creating, preserving and creating the future of our unique community here in Taos”.

*For questions, comments of further information on this proclamation or any other community issue, please contact Rick Bellis, Town Manager, at (575) 751-2002 or at [rbellis@taosgov.com](mailto:rbellis@taosgov.com).*

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