



WHEREAS, diversity is one of America's greatest strengths, and our nation thrives when we respect and celebrate the unique histories and identities that shape us; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we recognize *16 de Septiembre*, a historic moment that marks the beginning of Mexico's fight for freedom from colonial rule in 1810; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, and especially across the Southwest, 16 de Septiembre is one of the *Fiestas Patrias*, or Patriotic Holidays, proudly celebrated by millions of Americans of Mexican descent, honoring heritage and the spirit of resilience; and

WHEREAS, 16 de Septiembre is an opportunity to acknowledge the deep cultural, social, and economic contributions that Mexican Americans have made—and continue to make—to our nation, stories woven into the fabric of the United States, enriching our communities with language, tradition, art, and values that strengthen us all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL COX, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, AS

DIEZ Y SEIS DE SEPTIEMBRE

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ENCOURAGING EVERYONE SALUTE FREEDOM IN THIS COUNTRY AND EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND TO CELEBRATE OUR SHARED IDEALS OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE THAT BIND US.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

BILL COX, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

City of McKinney,
Collin County, Texas