

PROCLAMATION

Whereas May 5, or *Cinco de Mayo* in Spanish, is celebrated each year as a date of great importance by the Mexican and Mexican-American communities and

Whereas the *Cinco de Mayo* holiday commemorates May 5, 1862, the date on which the Battle of Puebla was fought by Mexicans who were struggling for their independence and freedom and

Whereas the French army, which had not experienced defeat against any of Europe's finest troops in over half a century, sustained a disastrous loss at the hands of an outnumbered, ill-equipped, and ragged, but highly spirited and courageous, Mexican force and

Whereas the *Cinco de Mayo* holiday is not only the commemoration of the rout of the French troops at the town of Puebla in Mexico, but is also a celebration of the virtues of individual courage and patriotism of all Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who have fought for freedom and independence against foreign aggressors and

Whereas *Cinco de Mayo* serves as a reminder that the foundation of the United States is built by people from many nations and diverse cultures who are willing to fight and die for freedom and

Whereas *Cinco de Mayo* also serves as a reminder of the close spiritual and economic ties between the people of Mexico and the people of the United States;

Whereas in a larger sense *Cinco de Mayo* symbolizes the right of a free people to self-determination, just as Benito Juarez once said, "El respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz" ("The respect of other people's rights is peace").

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, Village President of the Village of Hanover Park, do hereby proclaim *that the Village of Hanover Park* recognizes the historical struggle for independence and freedom of the Mexican people and I encourage all citizens to observe and join in this special observation

Dated this 5th day of May, 2016.


Village President

Attest:


Village Clerk