



Proclamation

Deaf History Month

March 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson recognizes the invaluable contributions of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in all facets of society; and

WHEREAS, Deaf History Month is observed annually from March 13 to April 15 to celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community; and

WHEREAS, this period commemorates key milestones, including the founding of the first public school for the Deaf in the U.S. on April 15, 1817, the signing of the Gallaudet University charter on April 8, 1864, and the Deaf President Now movement on March 13, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community has made significant contributions to education, language, arts, technology, and advocacy, promoting a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson supports awareness, accessibility, and equal opportunities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals and recognizes American Sign Language (ASL) as a vital part of Deaf culture; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Advancing Equity Through Accessibility and Inclusion," highlights the importance of fostering inclusivity and empowerment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Deaf History Month and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the achievements and contributions of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.



Juan F. Rodriguez

Juan F. Rodriguez (Mar 6, 2025 15:02 MST)

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

Crystal Zamora

Crystal Zamora (Mar 6, 2025 15:03 MST)

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk