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Whereas, on July 20, 1810, Antonio Narino led the Bogota uprising which won independence in various sections of what was then New Grenada. A civil war between federalists and centralists consumed the nation for the next nine years as the revolutionaries fought over how the country would be governed. This instability allowed the Spanish to reconquer Colombia, leading to the final proclamation of independence by Simon Bolivar in 1819. Colombians are now ranked as one of the happiest nations in the world.

Whereas, throughout its history, the City of Haverhill has welcomed people from around the world of every nationality, and we appreciate people of various cultures who help make this City so great; and

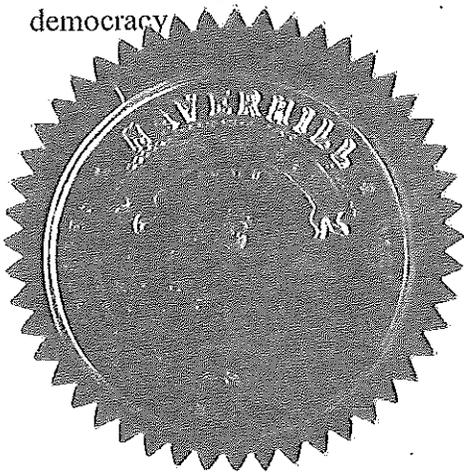
Whereas, we recognize that the Colombian community has had a positive impact on life in this City, and it continues to be a growing presence as Colombian Americans contribute significantly to many areas such as the arts, education, industry, science and community service; and

Whereas, people of Colombia ancestry demonstrate a strong work ethic and tremendous perseverance that have enabled them to find success and to improve their own community as well as others, making our City a better place for people of all backgrounds; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, JAMES J. FIORENTINI MAYOR of the City of Haverhill, Massachusetts, do hereby declare July 23, 2012.

Colombia Independence Day

in the City of Haverhill and urge all citizens to join me and our citizens of Colombian American descent in recognizing the historic observance of the 202nd Anniversary of the Colombia Independence Day and the Colombian people in their pursuit for freedom and democracy.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Haverhill to be affixed this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.


 Mayor James J. Fiorentini