



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-53

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from September 15 to October 15 to recognize the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans whose rich heritage traces back to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988 to ensure a more inclusive acknowledgment of the diverse cultures and historic legacies that shape our national identity; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino Americans embody the American values of devotion to faith and family and have played a vital role in shaping the story of our Country through contributions in education, medicine, business, arts, science, public service, labor, sports, and the military; and

WHEREAS, Charles County proudly recognizes the impact of Hispanic and Latino residents—past and present—who have helped build stronger, more vibrant communities through leadership, entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and cultural preservation; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Hispanic Heritage month theme: “Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,” emphasizes the importance of both preserving Hispanic traditions and looking ahead to the future with inspiration; and

WHEREAS, by embracing diversity and championing inclusion, Charles County reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that every resident feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2025, as **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in Charles County and encourage all residents to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

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