

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is home to over 900,000 Virginians of Latino descent, comprising almost 11 percent of the population of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is home to more than 26,000 Latinos, almost 17 percent of the total City population; and

WHEREAS, the Latino population in the United States is currently the third largest worldwide, exceeding the size of the population in every Latin American and Caribbean country except Mexico and Brazil; and

WHEREAS, this year for the first time in Market Square the City of Alexandria will fly flags of Latin America alongside the United States flag to celebrate Latino Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15; and

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, Latinos have made significant contributions to social and economic progress through their leadership in government, business, education, the arts, science, and military service; and

WHEREAS, diversity is one of Alexandria's greatest strengths, and it is important to recognize and appreciate the many achievements of Latinos to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria will join with the rest of the country in celebrating the 55th National Latino Heritage Month by commemorating essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Latino people have made to the United States throughout our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, as we build an inclusive community that works for all, we encourage our citizens to participate in the celebrations of Latino heritage in Alexandria this month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the time between September 15th through October 15th, 2023, as:

“LATINO HERITAGE MONTH”

In the City of Alexandria and encourage all residents to celebrate the significant contributions of Latino Americans in our nation and city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 12th day of September 2023.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk