

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Latinos make up the nation's largest ethnic minority at 18.5% of the total population— enriching every community through their vibrant and diverse culture and heritage; and*

WHEREAS, *Virginia is proud to be home to over 900,000 Virginians of Latino descent making up just over 10% of the state's population; and*

WHEREAS, *according to 2020 Census data, Alexandria's Latino population increased by 30% in the last decade and now stands at just over 18%; 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, *we recognize the disproportionate health and economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had in the Latino community and we honor their resilience and look towards a brighter, more equitable future as we continue to fight this pandemic together; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Alexandria will join with the rest of the country in celebrating the 53rd 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 we encourage our citizens to participate in the celebrations of Latino heritage in Alexandria this month; and*

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, 2021 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 28th day of September, 2021.*

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk