



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2023-61

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period and enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America; and

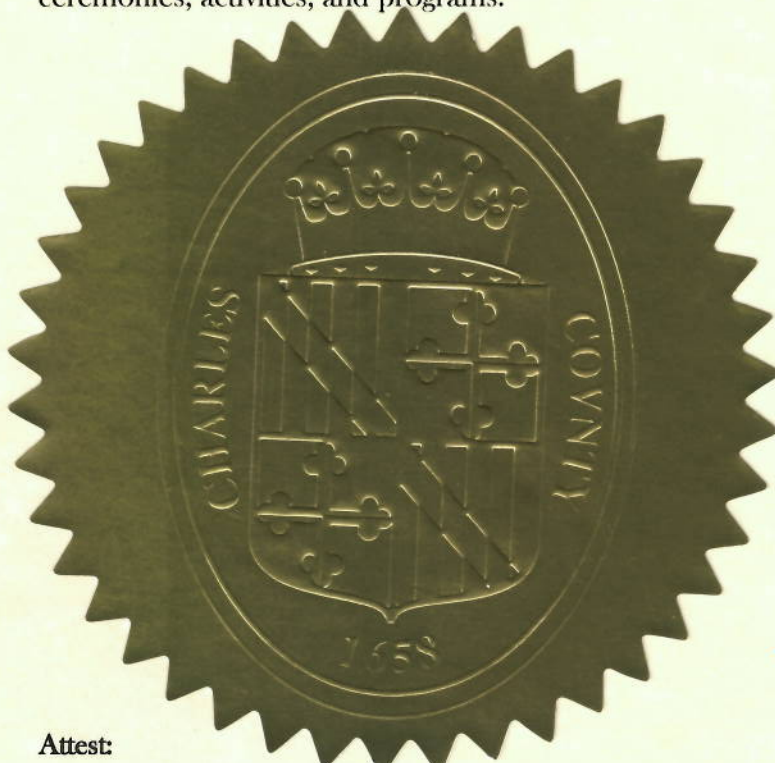
WHEREAS, Hispanic-American men and women embody the American values of devotion to faith and family, hard work, and patriotism through their contributions as leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and members of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Charles County celebrates the accomplishments of the 9,754 Hispanic American public who live in our County; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication to family, community, and our country, Hispanic Americans help build a better future for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Hispanic Heritage month theme: "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America," focuses on the significant strides of Hispanics in the economic, political, and social growth of the U.S.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2023, as **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in Charles County and ask our residents to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.



Attest:

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