



# County Commissioners of Charles County

## PROCLAMATION 2021-40

### 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 citizens 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 2021 Hispanic Heritage month theme: "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope," invites all to reflect on Hispanic American's service and contributions to the history of our County and our Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby proclaim September 15- October 15, 2021 as **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** in Charles County and ask our residents to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND



Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., *President*



Bobby Rucci, *Vice President*  
*District 4*



Gilbert O. Bowling, III  
*District 1*



Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.  
*District 2*



Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed.  
*District 3*

Attest:



Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

