



EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

*On behalf of The Residents of Anne Arundel County,
Maryland*

WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the Hispanic community, highlights its countless achievements, and represents the significant and fast growing demographic in Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, the observation began in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson, and was enacted into federal law on August 17, 1988, calling upon all the people of the United States to observe this time with ceremonies, activities, programs; and

WHEREAS, many Hispanic Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas- including the Arawaks, the Aztecs, the Incas, the Mayans, and the Tainos, some trace their roots to the Spanish explorers, or to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World, and now serve as Civil Rights leaders, politicians, military service members, educators, first responders, science pioneers, and public servants for our country; and

WHEREAS, September 15- October 15 is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the invaluable ways Hispanics and Latinos contribute to our common goals, celebrate their diverse cultures, and to work towards a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous society for all; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities, while adding their own distinct and dynamic perspectives to the story of our country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEUART L. PITTMAN, County Executive, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2021 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in Anne Arundel County and call upon all of our residents to recognize and commend its observance, and to find their own ways to give back to their communities. Given Under My hand and the Great Seal of Anne Arundel County this 15th Day of September in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand Twenty One.

STEUART L. PITTMAN
County Executive
September 15, 2021

