

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2023 TO BE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

This proclamation declares September 15, 2023, through October 15, 2023, to be Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Hyattsville, to celebrate the contributions and achievements that residents of Hispanic and Latino heritage make in our community every day.

WHEREAS, in September 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Week which was later expanded to 30 days; it was made known that September 15 marked the independence from Spain for 5 countries: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. It is also significant that On September 16 and 18, Mexico and Chile celebrate their dia de Independencia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is fortunate to be an ethnically and linguistically diverse community, with many residents having roots and cultural ties to Latin and South America and whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, people of Hispanic and Latino heritage have shaped and strengthened the fabric of the United States, as well as enriched every facet of our regional and local identities with rich cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hispanic heritage who have lived in our community for generations as well as residents who have come to us more recently merit the City of Hyattsville's recognition for sharing a commitment to this country and its promises of a more perfect union with liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, this year the City will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, September 15, 2023, beginning at 5:30 pm at Hyatt Park, 3500 Hamilton St. with a 'Hispanic Heritage Month' themed Summer Jam, where there will be local Latino music, food, and family-friendly activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville acknowledge the many contributions that Hispanic and Latino residents make to our city and that our community embraces and celebrates its own brothers, sisters, and friends this Hispanic Heritage Month.

Robert Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville
September 18, 2023

