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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Hispanic presence and influence in the United States of America dates to the early 1500s; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have participated throughout the history of the United States in support and defense of the principles and ideals upon which this country was founded; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have made significant contributions in all phases of our economic, social, cultural and political life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics account for approximately 16 percent of Arlington's population and number more than 52 million residents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics constitute a diverse group with origins in 21 different Spanish-speaking countries in the world whose heritage links them with North, Central and South America, the Caribbean Islands, Africa and Europe; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics contribute to the great diversity and unity of Arlington County, with a rich history of different cultures and racial make-ups within Hispanic communities; and

WHEREAS, we, as a community and as a government, are proud of the cultural enrichment brought by the diversity of the Hispanic population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim **September 15 through October 15, 2020**, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Arlington County and urge all citizens to join and support the County's celebration of the rich heritage of our Hispanic residents.

Libby Garvey
Chair