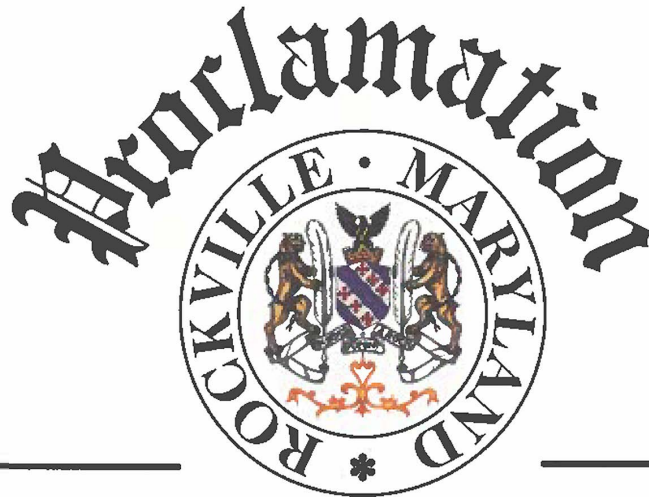




WHEREAS, the observation of Hispanic Heritage Week started in 1968 and was expanded into a month-long observation in 1988; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "*Raíces y Futuro: Honoring Our Roots, Building Our Future*;" and

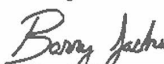
WHEREAS, approximately 15 percent of Rockville's population is of Hispanic, Latinx, and Latino-identified origin; those who identify as Hispanics, Latinx, and Latino-identified can be of any race or religion and represent many cultures and countries; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic, Latinx, and Latino-identified Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation, including those who have shared their talent as performers, made scientific breakthroughs, been successful entrepreneurs, educators, and brave participants in our armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the City honors and acknowledges the participation of the Hispanic, Latinx, and Latino-identified communities as a valued segment of our City by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of our residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **September 15, 2026, to October 15, 2026**, as **National Hispanic Heritage Month** in Rockville, and are proud to celebrate the resilience, contributions, and culture of Hispanic, Latinx, and Latino-identified individuals, groups, and communities.



 Kate Fulton, Councilmember	 Marique Ashton, Mayor
 Barry Jackson, Councilmember	 Izola (Zola) Shaw, Councilmember
 David Myles, Councilmember	 Marissa Valeri, Councilmember
	 Adam Van Grack, Councilmember

September 14, 2026