

MOTION: Staubly

SECOND: Baldwin

**September 10, 2026
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 26-13**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTHS
SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 15, 2026, AS HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH**

ACTION:Approved

WHEREAS, to honor the achievements of Hispanics, Congress has authorized and requested the President of the United States to issue a proclamation annually designating September 15 through October 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Hispanic Heritage Month national theme, “Unidos, Somos Más” (“Together, We Are More”), highlights unity, resilience, and the collective impact of Hispanic and Latino communities. This year’s theme underscores that while the stories span many countries and cultures, shared values such as perseverance, family, service, and creativity continue to unite the Hispanic community. It also honors the collective richness of the histories, from Indigenous and African roots to present-day trailblazers, while inspiring a stronger, more connected future.

WHEREAS, Hispanics account for approximately 25.2 percent of the Prince William County population and number more than 63.7 million or 19.5 percent of the population in the United States, making Hispanics the largest minority group in the country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics contribute to the incredible diversity of Prince William County the tenth most diverse county in the nation and the most diverse county in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a rich history of varied cultures and backgrounds within the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, we, as a community and as a government, are proud of the cultural enrichment brought by our diverse Hispanic population and celebrate the many accomplishments of Hispanics throughout our Nation, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Prince William County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission declares, affirms, and recognizes the period from September 15 to October 15, 2026, as Hispanic Heritage Month; and that the Commission urges all citizens and residents to join in and support countywide celebrations honoring the rich heritage, workforce, and lasting contributions of our Hispanic residents during this period.

Votes:

Ayes: Pratter, Johnston, Young, Baldwin, Staubly, Sparkes, BruMar

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Porter, Young

ATTEST: 
Executive Director