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Request to Proclaim July 16-24th 2022 as Latino Conservation week

Members of the Board,

Fairfax County boasts a culturally rich Latinx and Spanish-speaking community.

Defensores de la Cuenca, “Defenders of the Watershed,” a non-profit dedicated to helping the Latinx community connect with the natural world, proposes a series of events that are designed to engage this community in a wide variety of fun activities to promote health and nature conservation in the County’s parks and green spaces. Defensores de la Cuenca along with the support of its partners, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Fairfax County Park Authority, are planning activities at the Frying Pan Farm Park, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, Eakin Park and other neighborhood parks to take advantage of the unique features at each of these park locations. This will be a series of free, family-friendly activities for the Latinx community, aligned with national Latino Conservation Week, to increase knowledge of the environment and awareness of environmental issues, increase understanding of the connections between our health and the health of the environment, and invite participants to stay engaged and grow in their interest of the environment.

Therefore, I ask that the Board proclaim July 16th-24th 2022 as Latino Conservation Week in Fairfax County and for the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the weeklong series of events exploring the importance of parks and green spaces.