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**Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Alcorn,  
Supervisor Gross, and Supervisor Storck  
Request to Proclaim July 2021 as Latinx Conservation Month**

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 month-long 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, the 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, Nottoway Park, Lake Fairfax Park, and 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 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 2021 as Latinx Conservation Month in Fairfax County and for the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the month-long series of events exploring the importance of parks and green spaces.