

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2021 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-092-2021

Proposed by Council Member Taveras

Introduced by Council Members Taveras, Ivey, Dernoga, Harrison, Anderson-Walker,  
Hawkins, Franklin, Turner, Davis, and Glaros

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction September 21, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Immigrant Heritage Month**

3 For the purpose of declaring the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month

4 WHEREAS, recognizing the month of June as “Immigrant Heritage Month”, a time to  
5 recognize and celebrate the countless contributions that generations of immigrants and their  
6 children have made to every aspect of American life; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States has always been a Nation of immigrants, and throughout the  
8 Nation’s history, immigrants and their children from around the globe have kept our workforce  
9 vibrant, our businesses on the cutting edge, and helped to build the greatest economic engine in  
10 the world; and

11 WHEREAS, the estimated number of foreign born in Prince George’s County is about one-  
12 quarter of its population; and

13 WHEREAS, the entrepreneurial drive and spirit of the Nation is built on our diversity of  
14 origins; and

15 WHEREAS, it is the American dream that first drew people to the United States and  
16 continues to drive business in the Nation; and

17 WHEREAS, the success of the United States is a result of our many distinct experiences,  
18 not in spite of it; and

19 WHEREAS, immigrants were also responsible in writing the constitution of this country  
20 and building the framework that we still use today such as Alexander Hamilton, who was an  
21 immigrant from the West Indies; and

1           WHEREAS, as a Nation of immigrants, we must remember the generations of pioneers that  
2 helped lay the railroads and build cities, develop new industries, and fuel innovation and the  
3 exchange of ideas; and

4           WHEREAS, this Nation’s immigrants such as Enrico Fermi and Nikola Tesla, to name a  
5 few, have always contributed greatly to the advances in technology and sciences; and

6           WHEREAS, immigrants to the Nation plant, cultivate, and harvest the rich diversity of  
7 agriculture products available today from the United States farmlands; and

8           WHEREAS, the work of immigrants has directly enriched United States culture by  
9 influencing the performing arts from Broadway to Hollywood, as well as academia, art, music,  
10 literature, media, fashion, cuisine, customs, and cultural celebrations enjoyed across the Nation;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, generations of immigrants have come to the shores from all corners of the  
13 globe and tirelessly fought for United States independence and defended our ideals, since the  
14 earliest days as a Nation; and

15           WHEREAS, more than 30,000 lawful permanent residents are serving in the United States  
16 Armed Forces; and

17           WHEREAS, Prince George’s County represents a rich diversity of communities across the  
18 County and works closely with a variety of diaspora leaders from the County to ensure that the  
19 voices of United States citizens from all backgrounds are heard; and

20           WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the universal promise that we are all created  
21 equal.

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s  
23 County, Maryland, that by the adoption of this Resolution, Prince George’s County hereby  
24 recognizes “June as Immigrant Heritage Month” in honor of the accomplishments and role of  
25 immigrants and their children in shaping the history and culture of the United States.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council pledges to celebrate immigrant  
27 contributions to, and immigrant heritage in, each district.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council welcomes immigrants and their  
29 children to find their place in our vibrant, multiethnic, and integrated society of the United  
30 States.

31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council encourages the people of the

1 United States to always remember the Nation’s immigrant roots and to commemorate the  
2 immigrant communities that continue to move our country forward.

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council