



PROCLAMATION

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ECUADOR NATIONAL DAY 2017

WHEREAS, Ecuador celebrates its National Day on August 13th in remembrance of the 208th anniversary of the proclamation of independence; and

WHEREAS, in 1809 a declaration of independence from Spain was proclaimed by a patriotic and sovereign Junta which was the first such move of its kind and prompted many other colonies in America to follow suit; and

WHEREAS, after years of struggle, independence was assured in 1822 in a battle led by General Sucre, the first draft of the Constitution was drawn up in 1824, and the name Ecuador was officially given to the country; and

WHEREAS, there is an active Ecuadorian community living in the Washington metropolitan area with people from all walks of life: professionals, employees, artists, homemakers, and students; and

WHEREAS, as a community and as a government, we are proud of the cultural enrichment brought by Ecuadorian immigrants who have become an important part of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Fisette, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim August 13th 2017, as

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in Arlington County and urge all residents to support the County's celebration of the heritage of our Ecuadorian residents.

Jay Fisette
Chair