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A Multicultural Festival Concludes the Town of Vienna's Inaugural Liberty Amendments Month

July 7, 2021 (Vienna, VA) - The Town of Vienna's inaugural [Liberty Amendments Month](#) celebration kicked off last month with community organizations, businesses, and individuals helping shape the four weeks of festivities taking place from **June 19 - July 19, 2021**. The month-long celebration concludes with the **Vienna Multicultural Festival on Saturday, July 17.**

A celebration of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th amendments, which extended rights to those who had previously been excluded from full participation, Liberty Amendments Month is the brainchild of Town Manager Mercury Payton, who during this past summer of discourse and strife sought a way to bring us together and to find common ground. The Liberty Amendments are the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 19th Constitutional amendments, which abolished slavery, granted citizenship to anyone born or naturalized in the U.S., and extended voting rights to all citizens regardless of race and gender.

The 2021 Vienna Multicultural Festival will close out the Commonwealth of Virginia's inaugural [Liberty Amendments Month](#) with a day-long bevy of performers, interactive activities, high-quality artisans, food, and vendors that celebrate the diverse cultures and communities represented across Northern Virginia and the DC Metro Area. In addition, the event will have kids' crafts with the Ayr Hill Garden Club, an Escape Room

focused on history around the 19th Amendment created by Belong!, and more.   The musical performance schedule includes:

Main Stage
3:00 p.m. **- Rumisonko**- Bolivian Folk Music
5:00 p.m. - **The Flaming Shillelaghs-** Traditional Irish Music and Dance
6:30 p.m. -   **Pan Masters-** Caribbean Steel Drum Orchestra

Town Green Stage
2:30 p.m. - **Velocity Dance**
4:00 p.m. - Showcase of Belong! Essay Contest Winners followed by: **Anansegro of Ghana**- African Drums, Songs, Stories, and Games
6:00 p.m. - **Cuppett Performing Arts Center**: Unity Dance

The festival is free and open to the public. For more information about the event, visit www.viennava.gov/liberty.