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**C&O Canal National Historical Park News Release** 

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## Latino Conservation Week Event at Great Falls Tavern

Potomac, MD - The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal) is excited to host an event during the fourth annual Latino Conservation Week (LCW). LCW is being held Saturday, July 15, 2017 through Sunday, July 23, 2017 all across the country. LCW is an initiative of Hispanic Access Foundation (HAF), which partners with non-profit, government, and community organizations to hold events that encourage the Latino community to get outdoors and participate in learning activities to protect our natural resources.

Join the park's Latino Heritage Internship Program (LHIP) interns for a day of activities on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center in Potomac, MD. At the park, children and their families will have the chance to play historically accurate games from the nineteenth century, receive activity packets and Junior Ranger books, bring their own picnic to eat in the park, ride a nineteenth century replica excursion boat as it passes through a lock along the canal, take part in a scavenger hunt, and shadow a Park Ranger.

Visitors should mention they are participating in LCW to have the Great Falls entrance fee waived. Visitors should also consider wearing comfortable closed-toed shoes, and bring food and water for a picnic. The address is 11710 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac, MD 20854. For more information on this event at Great Falls, as well as other events in the nation, please visit: http://latinoconservationweek.com/ or visit our Facebook page. Be sure and tag your park posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with #LatinoConservationWeek, #LCW2017, #HispanicAccessFoundation, #LHIP2017, and #FindYourPark.

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ABOUT THE C&O Canal: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. Over 5,000,000 visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation and understanding that the Park has to offer. For more information, visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/choh.