



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State is home to one of our country's largest Hispanic populations and their contributions are many and significant, improving the quality of life for people of all backgrounds; and

Whereas, as established by an act of the United States Congress, each year Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide from September 15th to October 15th, with September 15th marking the anniversary of declared independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by the anniversary of Mexico's declared independence on September 16th and Chile's on September 18th; and

Whereas, New York State is proud to join in this annual observance and welcomes the opportunity to pay tribute to our flourishing Hispanic communities and the traditions, history, and heritage of their homeland countries; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Hispanics: A legacy of history, a present of action and a future of success," celebrates the rich culture and history of our various distinct Hispanic communities and their role within our contemporary society, whereby they positively impact the social, cultural, and economic development of this state and nation; their achievements are visible in all areas of endeavor, including public service, business and industry, science and technology, education, the arts, and sports, and our collective Hispanic community holds great promise for continued success in the future; and

Whereas, during this month-long observance of Hispanic heritage, members of our state's Hispanic communities celebrate their distinctiveness and help reinforce the Empire State's reputation as a cultural capital of the world, as all New Yorkers are inspired to participate in our state's proud and longstanding tradition of expressing appreciation for the history and customs of our many Latino communities; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all New Yorkers join in this celebration of cultural pride and tradition, and pay tribute to the contributions the Hispanic community has made and continues to make to all facets of life in this great state and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2014 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at
the Capitol in the City of Albany this ninth day of
September in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor