



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 enduring cultural legacy of their homeland countries that they proudly share with us all; and

Whereas, Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the rich heritage and history of our various Hispanic communities that help shape the vibrant mosaic of culture in our state and nation – all of them contributing unique traditions and customs to a multicultural tapestry and adding to the dynamics of our society through their positive impact on 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; and

Whereas, during this observance of Hispanic heritage, our state's Hispanic communities 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 our many Latino communities; and

Whereas, our nation takes the opportunity to recognize the contributions of each distinct Hispanic community and those made by the entire family of Latino countries during this month-long celebration of their heritage and history; it is fitting that all New Yorkers share in events that highlight the abundantly rich Hispanic customs and traditions, and join in paying tribute to the extensive legacy of accomplishments and successes realized by our Hispanic communities as they continue to impact all aspects 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, 2015 as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this tenth day of September in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

William J. Mashon
Secretary to the Governor