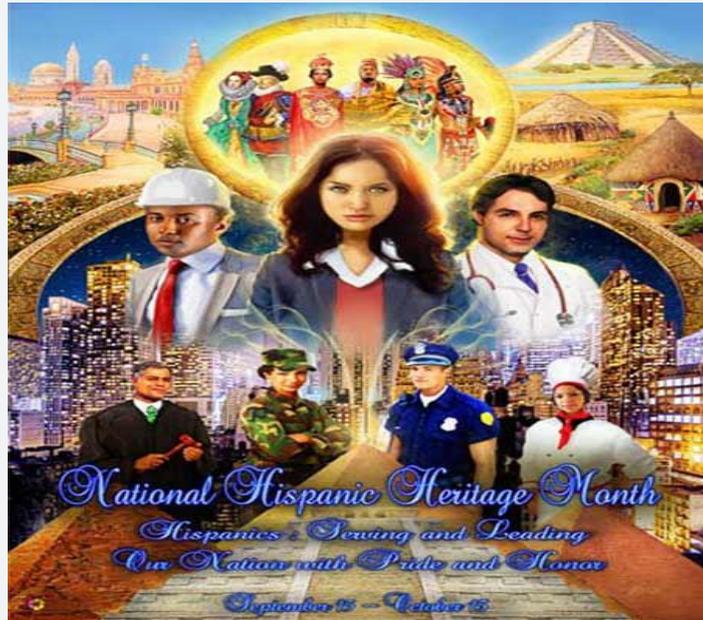


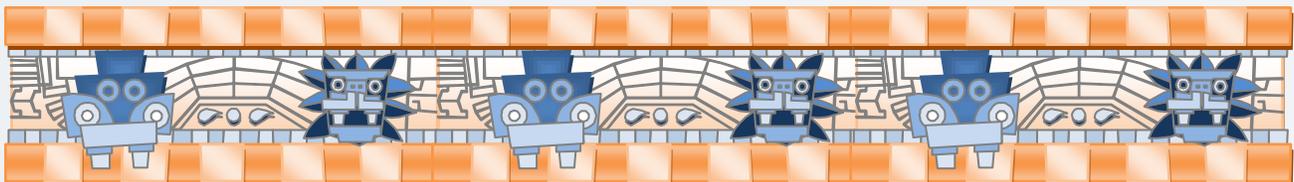
Hispanic American Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15, 2013

“Hispanics: Serving and Leading Our Nation with Pride and Honor”



National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate the group’s heritage and culture. Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted in to law on August 17, 1988 on the approval of Public Law 100-402. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18 and September 21, respectively. Hispanic Heritage month also celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America, starting with the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus on the morning of October 12, 1492. A map of late 18th century North America shows this presence, from the small outpost of San Francisco founded in the desolate wilderness of Alta California in 1776, through the Spanish province of Texas with its vaqueros (cowboys), to the fortress of St. Augustine, Florida — the first continuous European settlement in North America, founded in 1565, decades before Jamestown, Virginia.



Hispanic Heritage Resources on the Internet

www.hispanicheritagemonth.org

This website contains general information, fun facts and the history of Hispanic Heritage Month including the Congressional resolutions that established Hispanic Heritage Month.

<http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov>

This website provides a portal to information from the Library of Congress, National Endowment of the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institute and U.S. National Archives and Record Administration.

www.nps.gov/history/nr/feature/hispanic

This website contains the National Register of Historic Places including historic places and National Parks related to Hispanic Heritage.

www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/hispanic_resources.html

This website provides educational materials and program ideas on Hispanic Heritage.

www.gale.cengage.com/free_resources/chh/

This website has links to Hispanic biographies, Hispanic cultural timeline, information on Hispanic activities surrounding important holidays and a Hispanic Cultural Quiz.

www.pewhispanic.org

This website is the home of the Pew Research Hispanic Trends Project which contains information on Hispanic demographics, immigration and articles on Hispanic culture.

www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-hispanicveterans.html

This website feature stories and videos from Hispanic Veterans from World War II to present day.

Hispanic Heritage Presentation

www.deomi.org

Follow the "special observances" link on this website to find PowerPoint presentations for Hispanic Heritage month and other special observance months.

Hispanic Heritage Month Posters

www.diversitystore.com

You can order posters for Hispanic Heritage Month as well as other special emphasis months at this website under a GSA contract.

Special Emphasis Programs are implemented and observed primarily to ensure that minorities, women, people with various disabilities, and people with various sexual orientations are provided an equal opportunity in employment and program delivery activities. These programs improve the workplace environment by promoting and fostering diversity in the workplace through awareness, and to educate others to appreciate, value, understand, and celebrate social and cultural similarities and differences.

