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## CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HONORING HISPANIC AMERICANS WHO HAVE ENRICHED OUR NATION AND SOCIETY

American Hispanic/Latinx history is rich, diverse, and extensive. Spanish-speaking explorers, immigrants, refugees, and indigenous people have lived in the United States long before the nation was established, bringing traditions and culture from Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and other Latin American and Iberian nations.

National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15 - Oct 15) is a time to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

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The timing of Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations. September 15th also marks the Independence Day celebration date of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Those five nations declared their independence from Spain on September 15, 1821. Mexico declared its independence from Spain on September 16, 1810. Chile did so two days later September 18, 1810. Belize declared its independence from Great Britain on September 21, 1981.

Hispanic Heritage Month began as a commemorative week when it was first introduced in June of 1968 by California Congressman George E. Brown who represented East Los Angeles and a large portion of the San Gabriel Valley. He wanted the role played by the people in those communities and their ancestors throughout American history to be recognized nationally.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 31-day period from September 15 to October 15. Since then, National Hispanic Heritage Month proclamations have been made by each sitting president of the United States and is celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, conferences, community gatherings, and much more.

Observing Hispanic Heritage Month gives Americans time to show its recognition and support for the work Latinos are doing in helping this country grow.

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Los Angeles will host many events to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month



The five nations that declared independence from Spain on the same day in 1821.

