



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout its history, New York State has welcomed people of every nationality from around the world and, during Hispanic Heritage Month, we take the opportunity to recognize the various distinct Hispanic and Latino communities that thrive in this state and nation; and

Whereas, established by the United States Congress, Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated 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 declared independence by Mexico on September 16th, Chile on September 18th, and Belize on September 21st; and

Whereas, New York State's Hispanic and Latino populations are a major economic force, a growing presence upon our political landscape, and have increasing influence and visibility in all areas of professional, social, and cultural life; and

Whereas, we are committed to ensuring that New York State's leadership reflects the diversity of all our communities, and Hispanics and Latinos have significant public roles in our nation and here in New York State, where we are blessed by the contributions of dedicated Hispanic and Latino individuals serving at all levels of government; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and heightened inequalities for Hispanic and Latino populations – especially with regard to health care accessibility, legal protection, economic and income distribution, political representation, and social inclusion; yet we have seen throughout these months of crisis, many Hispanic and Latino heroes working on the frontlines of emergency medical services and as members of our police and fire departments, as well as countless others the pandemic has shown to be among the most essential workers in our society, and we honor them all; and

Whereas, through their love of family and ancestral traditions, Hispanic and Latino Americans are foundations of strength and unity within our communities and, during this monthlong observance, New Yorkers welcome the opportunity to learn about and share in the cultural heritage of our richly diverse Hispanic and Latino communities; and

Whereas, New Yorkers have a longstanding history of expressing appreciation for the heritage of our communities, as it enables us to grow richer and stronger; in the spirit of goodwill, New Yorkers of all backgrounds join in this celebration of ancestral pride and honor our Hispanic and Latino communities for their contributions to life in this state and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2021 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 seventh day
of September in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh
Secretary to the Governor
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