



***September 15 to October 15***

**¡Mes de la Herencia Hispana!**

We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, by recognizing the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States. We also celebrate the special heritage and culture.

The term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

September 15th is the anniversary of Independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize share their independence during this month. Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is the second Monday in October.

Today nearly 55 Million people or 17% of Americans are of Hispanic or Latino origin and another 3.7 million are residents of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory.

Share in this annual tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively enriched our nation and society.

***¡Celebra!***

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