



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State is home to one of our country's largest Hispanic-American populations – a thriving social and economic force – and their contributions are many and significant, improving the quality of life for citizens 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 traditions, history, and heritage of their homeland countries; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Keeping the Promise: Unity, Strength, Leadership," highlights the spirit of hope and progress that enables our Hispanic communities to realize success, each of them individual cultures that collectively are an integral part of our American society; and

Whereas, during this month-long observance of Hispanic heritage, members of our State's Hispanic-American communities celebrate their distinctiveness and help 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 the history, customs and goodwill of its many communities; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all New Yorkers join in this celebration of cultural pride and tradition, and pay tribute to the contributions our Hispanic communities have made and continue to make to all facets 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, 2011 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 first day of September in the year two thousand eleven.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor