

Displays by Participating Organizations

Hispanics United of Buffalo

Medaille College

West Side Community Services

Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society

Buffalo Public Schools Multilingual Education Department

City of Buffalo Commission on Citizens Rights

Father Belle Center

Los Tainos Senior Citizens Center

El Buen Amigo Crafts

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

Buffalo Zoo

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2010 Hispanic Heritage Committee

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The Hispanic Heritage Committee

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in Buffalo & Erie County



September 15, 2010

12:00noon

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

1 Lafayette Square

Buffalo, New York

History

Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions of Hispanic Americans in the United States and celebrates Hispanic heritage and culture. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

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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.

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Citizens of Hispanic descent have lived in the City of Buffalo and WNY area since the late 1800's, immigrating from Mexico, Cuba, regions in South and Central America, and the Caribbean including Puerto Rico. This growing population has made significant contributions to the WNY area and continues to be a flourishing part of the community.

For a list of local Hispanic Heritage Month events and activities

<http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com/visitors/itineraries/Latino.asp>

Program

*Invocation Rev. Pedro J. Ares
Sr. Pastor, Church of God*

*Remarks Ms. Bridget Quinn-Carey
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Director*

*Proclamation Hon. Chris Collins
Erie County Executive*

*Proclamation Hon. Byron W. Brown
Mayor, City of Buffalo*

*Citation Ms. Janique Curry representing
Governor David A. Paterson*

*Resolution Mr. Ralph R. Hernandez
President, Buffalo School Board*

*Acknowledgements/Dignitaries .. Mr. Casimiro Rodriguez
Chairman, Hispanic Heritage Committee*

Program Performances

Students of Herman Badillo PS76

Celebrating Heritage in Guitars

Salsa Dance Performance/Miss Borinquen Pageant