

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

## WHY WE CELEBRATE:

From The American Presidency Project: Proclamation 10446—National Hispanic Heritage Month, 2022: “Hispanic heritage holds an indelible place in the heart and soul of our Nation, and National Hispanic Heritage Month reminds us that the American identity is a fabric of diverse traditions and stories woven together. Since the beginning, our country has drawn strength and insights from Hispanic writers, scientists, soldiers, doctors, entrepreneurs, academics, and leaders in labor and government. Our culture has been enriched by the rhythms, art, literature, and creativity of Hispanic peoples. And our deepest values have been informed by the love of family and faith that is at the core of so many Hispanic communities. All of these contributions help us realize the promise of America for all Americans.”

## DATE:

September 15  
thru  
October 15

## FUN FACTS:

- Beginning in 1968, Hispanic Heritage Month was originally observed as “Hispanic Heritage Week”. but it was later extended to a month in 1988.
- Enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.
- The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period

## FAMOUS HISPANICS:

- Jennifer Lopez
- Antonia Novello
- Celia Cruz
- César Chávez
- Dolores Huerta
- Ellen Ochoa
- Gary Soto
- Gloria Estefan
- France Córdova
- Helen Rodríguez-Trias
- Isabel Allende
- Jorge Ramos
- Lin-Manuel Miranda
- Oscar de la Hoya
- Oscar de la Renta
- Rita Moreno
- Roberto Clemente
- Selena Quintanilla

