

# Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15

"Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America"



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Under President Lyndon B. Johnson, the observation of Hispanic Heritage Month began. It was expanded in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan to cover a 30-day period starting from September 15 and ending on October 15.

The beginning 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.

The histories, cultures and the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, are celebrated throughout the month.