



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, throughout its history, New York has welcomed people of every nationality from around the world, and during Hispanic Heritage Month, we take the opportunity to recognize the distinct Hispanic and Latino communities that thrive in this state and nation; and

Whereas, established by the United States Congress, Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually from September 15th to October 15th—with September 15 marking the anniversary of declared independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua—followed by the anniversary of declared independence by Mexico on September 16th, Chile on September 18th, and Belize on September 21st; and

Whereas, New York State is proud of our vibrant Hispanic and Latino communities that are the foundation of many neighborhoods that have taken root and flourished across our state; each day, accomplished and dedicated individuals of Hispanic and Latino ancestry benefit our lives through their contributions in all areas—education, healthcare, science and technology, the arts and entertainment, and sports—and have become a major force in our economy as business owners, entrepreneurs, and CEOs of corporations and companies of all kinds; and

Whereas, today, Hispanics and Latinos have a significant impact on our political landscape, currently holding many elected offices and public roles and serving at all levels of government in our state and nation, and we are committed to ensuring that New York State's leadership reflects the diversity of our communities; and

Whereas, New York State is a leader in human rights and is ready to assist immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in need, recognizing the knowledge and skill potential they bring to our communities; and

Whereas, Hispanic and Latino Americans have long served our country with distinction in all branches of the U.S. military, playing a critical, yet often overlooked, role in shaping American history and defending the democratic ideals at the heart of our nations; as such, New York will maintain an exhibit in the Capitol this Hispanic Heritage Month, "A Legacy of Sacrifice: Hispanic Veterans in New York," recognizing the contributions of service members who have defended freedoms and advanced civil rights, both in military service and within their communities; and

Whereas, through their love of family and ancestral traditions, Hispanic and Latino individuals build foundations of strength and unity within our communities, and New Yorkers of all backgrounds welcome the opportunity to learn about their cultural heritage; we join this monthlong celebration of ancestral pride and extend gratitude to our Hispanic and Latino communities for their contributions to our state and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2025, as

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twelfth day
of September in the year two thousand twenty-five.

Kathy Hochul

Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh