



# NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage month is from September 15-October 15 every year. Most celebration months start on the first, but this begins on the 15th for a special reason. This date marks the independence anniversary for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence in September, on the 16th and 18th, respectively.

This is a time to highlight and learn about the contributions of the Latinx and Hispanic cultures. All the traditions and identities of those from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America are lovely and should be celebrated.

Hispanic Heritage Month provides the perfect opportunity to appreciate the vibrant art, music, literature and cuisine that Hispanic communities have brought to the United States. It also shines light on the impact Hispanic Americans have made in politics, education, science, business and civil rights. César Chávez, Sonia Sotomayor and Lin-Manuel Miranda are just a few examples of Hispanic individuals who have shaped this nation's landscape.

Let us reflect on the challenges this wonderful community has faced and always strive to celebrate unity and diversity.



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