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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. In the United States, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15th to October 15th each year.

Hispanic Heritage Month was originally a week-long celebration established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. Twenty years later, President Ronald Reagan expanded the period of observation to a month. The observance officially begins on September 15th because that date is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Other countries celebrating their independence in September include Mexico (16th), Chile (18th), and Belize (21st).



What is Hispanic Heritage Month?

Why does Hispanic Heritage Month run from September 15h to October 15th?
