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Diversity Corner

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September is National Hispanic Heritage Month!

Time sure flies, and as we round the corner to the end of the year, it's a great time to kick off the coming of Fall celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month!

The observation began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

This month honors Hispanic and Latino Americans for their contributions to U.S. culture. While societal impacts have been vast and at times controversial, we believe it's important to honor the many contributions from this community. From the art of Frida Kahlo to the labor leader/activist Cesar Chavez, to the amazing food and music, and much more, we have been enriched as a diverse country.

September 15 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.

Other notable dates to celebrate in September:

- National Recovery Month: This awareness month seeks to educate Americans on treatment and health services for individuals with substance use disorder.
- September 20 – HeForShe: This movement was started by the UN with the goal of promoting gender equality.
- September 15 to September 17 – Rosh Hashanah: This holiday is the Jewish New Year when Jews reflect on their faith.
- September 23 – Autumnal Equinox: This date marks a variety of religious observances across the globe.