

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**September 15 – October 15**

**2008 Theme: Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation**



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started 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. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402. The 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 18, respectively. Additionally, Columbus Day or Dia de la Raza, October 12, falls within this 30-day period (<http://www.loc.gov/topics/hispanicheritage/about/#theme>).

**We salute the Hispanics who make up the Fischler family and pay tribute and honor to the many contributions you continue to make as we “Cause an Effect.” We value you and the rich heritage you bring to this learning community**

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