

NACRAO DEI&B  
September 2022

## **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Sep. 15th-Oct.15th

### HISTORY

Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestry is from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The celebration of Hispanic Heritage started as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. In 1988, Hispanic Heritage Month was ratified into law.

### WHY SEPTEMBER 15th – OCTOBER 15th?

September 15th is the Independence Day for many Latin American countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico and Chile's Independence Days are during this time. Dia de la Raza or Columbus Day is celebrated on October 12th.

### TERMS

Hispanic: people who are from or descended from Spanish speaking countries

Latino(a) or Latinx: people who are from or descended from Latin America

### INFLUENTIAL HISPANIC LEADERS

Cesar Chaves

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