



National Hispanic

HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 through October 15!

This month, we honor the vibrant cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities. Join us in honoring the past, present, and future of Hispanic heritage!

**SEPT 15
OCT. 15**

STORYWALK

Delaware County Libraries System is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with this month's Rose Tree Park StoryWalk selection: Drum Dream Girl, the story of a young Cuban girl striving to become a drummer.

SEPT. 23

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Hosted by the Philadelphia Union, the County of Delaware, and the Foundation for Delaware County- this lively festival features food, music, fun family activities, and more!
Begins at 5:30 p.m. at Suburu Park.

SEPT. 30

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL IN UPPER DARBY

The rich cultural diversity of Upper Darby celebrated through food, live performances, and activities for the whole family. 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



For more information about Hispanic Heritage Month and other cultural celebrations, scan the QR code or visit: delcoga.gov/DEI



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History

Hispanic Heritage Month, observed annually in the United States from September 15 to October 15, has a rich history rooted in recognizing the contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans. It began in 1968 as a weeklong celebration under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was expanded to a month by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

The dates were chosen to encompass the independence days of several Latin American countries: Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica celebrate their Independence Day on September 15, Mexico on September 16, Chile on the 18th and Belize is the 21st.

Importance

Roughly 4% of the population in Delaware County is Hispanic. Nationally, one in five Americans are Hispanic, and four out of five Latinos living in the United States are US citizens — highlighting the ever-growing diverse country we live in. Hispanics and Latinos contributed to the American Revolution and have served in the armed forces during every American military conflict.

Did You Know?

Latinos have made invaluable contributions to the United States, shaping the nation's culture, economy, and society in countless ways. From the arts to science, politics to sports, their impact is undeniable.

In science and technology, luminaries like Guillermo González Camarena of Mexico, who pioneered color television, and Luis von Ahn of Guatemala, the co-founder of Duolingo and creator of the “I’m not a Robot” CAPTCHA technology, have left indelible marks. In the field of medicine, Julio Palmaz of Argentina invented the first intravascular stent, revolutionizing cardiovascular care, while Domingo Santo Liotta developed the first artificial heart to be successfully placed in a human.

Latinos have excelled in science with Ellen Ochoa, the first Latina astronaut, and in politics with figures like Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. In sports, athletes like Roberto Clemente and Roberto Durán achieved international acclaim. These accomplishments are just a glimpse of the immeasurable impact Latinos have had on the United States, enriching its cultural tapestry and reinforcing the nation's foundation of diversity and resilience.

Traditional Celebrations

ART SHOWS | FESTIVALS | COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

For more list of events go to: delcopa.gov/DEI

