

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Every year, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15.

Started in 1968 under President Lydon B. Johnson and expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) "celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America."

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 September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

To celebrate this year, the [Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative](#) is hosting the 2021 [Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta](#) the week of September 19-25. Events for this week-long fiesta will include Restaurant Week, Origenes Community Dinner, a free concert with Revolución de Amor, and will end on Saturday, September 25, with a day-long Fiesta in Central Park that will have music, food trucks and a beer tent, and a mercado (market) from local vendors.

Additionally, **now until January 17, 2022**, [Holland Museum](#) has on display ["United for Progress: The LAUP Story/Unidos por el Progreso, La Historia de LAUP."](#) This exhibit explores the history of Latin Americans United for Progress and how it continues to serve the Latinx community and the greater Holland Community.