

September Observances of Multicultural Interest

From CUMC's Multicultural Committee

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year from September 15 to October 15. The designation is intended to remind all Americans of the significance and magnitude of the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made and still make to society in all its aspects, including its history, culture and accomplishments. Originally established as a week-long event in 1968, it became a 30-day celebration in 1988, with September 15th purposefully set, to honor the independence anniversaries for El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Then the independence days of Mexico and Chile fall on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Dia de la Raza or Columbus Day also falls within this month, on October 12. It is a time for all of us to appreciate and celebrate the colorful cultures, rich histories, and diversity of the American Latino community, in addition to its many contributions to who we are as a country today.