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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mes de la Herencia Hispana eventos en Michigan

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

Del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre celebramos el Mes de la Herencia Hispana o Mes de la Hispanidad. Es una celebración sumamente importante, ya que se evocan los logros, aportes y contribuciones de los latinos en este país así como las primeras exploraciones de los españoles.

En 1968, el Congreso autorizó al presidente *Lyndon B. Johnson* a que proclamara la Semana Nacional de la Herencia Hispana, que incluía el 15 de septiembre –fecha en que se celebran las independencias de Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y Nicaragua– y 16 de septiembre y el 18 de septiembre –fechas en que México y Chile celebran su independencia.

La proclama del presidente Johnson instaba al pueblo, especialmente a las entidades educativas, a observar la semana con ceremonias y actividades apropiadas. Para estimular la participación, el presidente *Gerald R. Ford* emitió una proclama en 1974 que instaba a las escuelas y a las organizaciones de derechos humanos a participar de lleno.

Veinte años más tarde, el 17 de agosto de 1988, el presidente *Ronald Reagan* reiteró la llamada de Ford a un reconocimiento más amplio de los estadounidenses de origen hispano y para ello el Congreso aprobó la Ley 100-402 que amplió la celebración por un periodo de 31 días al que se denominó Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana – desde el 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre.

De acuerdo a cifras obtenidas por la Oficina del Censo, al 1 de julio del 2021 había 62.6 millones de hispanos en Estados Unidos, lo cual convierte a las personas de origen hispano en la mayor minoría étnica o racial del país: el 18.9 % de la población total.

Son 13 estados con una población de un millón o más de residentes hispanos en 2021: Arizona, California, Carolina del Norte, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Nueva Jersey, Nuevo México, Nueva York, Pensilvania, Texas y Washington.

El aumento del número de hispanos del 1 de Julio del 2020 al 1 de Julio del 2021 fue de 34,289 en el condado de Riverside, California, el condado con el mayor crecimiento de esta población en el país durante este periodo.

30.5 es la mediana de edad de la población hispana, que aumentó de 30.2 años en el 2020.

Durante este mes se realizan eventos por todo lo largo y ancho del país. Algunos eventos que se llevarán a cabo en Michigan, son:

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• Grand Haven, Michigan.

19 al 24 de septiembre.

Semana de Restaurantes.

Restaurantes locales de Grand Haven ofrecerán platillos de comida latinoamericana.

24 de septiembre.

Grand Haven Hispanic Heritage Fiesta en Grand Haven Central Park.

Desfile de banderas, DJ Money Mike, Necalli Cultural Movement, Ballet Folclórico Sol Azteca, Grupo Viento Los Hermanos Valdez, Charangueo, Bacha Papi y DJ Marco Herrera Mix.

Evento para toda la familia con música, baile, comida, mercado, carpa de cerveza, actividades y juegos para niños.

• Ferndale, MI

9 de octubre.

Festival Hispano Americano. El Centro Cultural invita al cuarto aniversario del festival y la Copa Hispana de futbol. De 11:00am a 8:00pm en 881 Pinecrest Dr. Ferndale.

Información, comida, música en vivo y mucha diversión para toda la familia.

First Independence Bank teams up with Operation HOPE to support financial fealth

First Independence Bank (FIB) and *Operation HOPE* announced an expanded, multiyear transformational partnership, including a series of collaborative programs such as HOPE Inside coaching, digital access that connects to education and First Independence Bank (FIB) solutions, and HOPE's 1 Million Black Business Initiative (IMBB), as part of the bank's commitment to bring access and solutions to build better lives and communities.

First Independence Bank and Operation HOPE will expand their community-based approach to financial wellness to provide more people with the education, insights and tools that will empower and build better lives. To achieve this goal, First Independence Bank and Operation HOPE have entered into a two-year partnership that will expand and transform HOPE Inside coaching, bringing in-person and virtual financial coaching, educational content and solutions to First Independence Bank branches. Additionally, First Independence Bank and Operation HOPE will further expand digital and mobile access to financial coaches and a host of financial education resources to solve everyday financial challenges.

The expanded partnership also supports Operation HOPE's work toward launching 1 million Black-owned businesses by 2030. FIB is accelerating the program by offering small business solutions, along with in-kind support and a capacity-building investment.

"When two different entities come together who hold a common commitment to uplift communities through education, awareness and programs anchored in financial literacy, it is a collective win for all," says Kenneth Kelly, chairman & CEO, First Independence Bank. "And when this alignment is implemented and successfully expanded to a national level, the needle of financial literacy will be moved on financial and personal growth," said Kelly.

First Independence Bank and Operation HOPE's expanded partnership includes:

• Transforming and expanding the HOPE Inside coaching program to be community-based and impact-focused, encompassing hub locations serving branches in communities across the First Independence Bank market in Detroit and the Minneapolis/ St Paul, Minnesota areas.

• Investing in and accelerating 1MBB with a capacity-building grant and a commitment of 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

• Collaborating to build a digital platform that will provide HOPE Inside education alongside access to FIB solutions and services, bringing touch and technology to support those underserved by financial services.

• Collaborating to further the employee wellness platform with HOPE coaching and FIB programming.

• Becoming a 2022 Member of HOPE to build capacity and sustainability as the partnership blooms over the next 2 years.

• Serving as a sponsor for the HOPE Global Forums, a community designed to galvanize thought and action around building an economy that works for everyone.

"I am honored by First Independence Bank's commitment and support of Operation HOPE's mission to bring financial literacy to all and help aspiring Black entrepreneurs launch the businesses of their dreams," said Operation HOPE Founder, CEO and Chairman John Hope Bryant. "The leading voices behind First Independence Bank believed in our mission and we're thrilled by their continued support as we work together over the next four years to build and strengthen communities through financial literacy and empowerment."

To learn more, go to www.FirstIndependence.com or visit an Operation HOPE financial coach in Detroit at First Independence Bank at their 7-mile Branch location.

Free Legal Resources for Michigan Renters

As the pandemic ravaged the state of Michigan for more than two years, many renters found affording monthly payments to be a major financial stressor.

In December 2020, the *Michigan State Housing Development Authority* announced the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program aimed at helping individuals make their monthly rent payments and remain in their homes.

While the program proved to be a major success, providing relief to over 142,000 residents, as of 9:00 p.m. on June 30, 2022, the program is no longer accepting new applications.

However, resources are available to help renters across the state.

Facing eviction can be an intimidating and stressful situation. If you don't know your rights and privileges as a renter in the state of Michigan, it can be even harder. *Michigan Legal Help* is a free resource to help people learn more about their legal standing, prepare for court proceedings and draft legal documents all without an attorney.

Michigan Legal Help includes resources specific to renters and rental properties, such as:

• Eviction and Other Housing Issues and COVID-19

• Eviction for Nonpayment of Rent

• Eviction After Court is Over

• Illegal Evictions: What Are They and What Can You Do?, and many more.

To access these resources and better understand your rights and options, visit www.michiganlegalhelp.org.

Rental assistance is still a prevalent need for renters in Michigan. These legal resources are a starting point to get the help you need.

The above information is provided for informational purposes only and should not be taken as legal advice or act as a substitute for retaining a licensed attorney.

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HISPANICS IN THE UNITED STATES

Did you know?

19% Total U.S. population is now comprised of more than 62 million Hispanics.

51% Hispanic-Americans contributed over half of total population growth within the U.S.

67% Hispanics are US born, while 13% are Foreign born but naturalized, with 20% being Foreign born non-Citizens.

Con la red más grande de médicos y hospitales, cobertura de los recursos de salud mental, una aplicación móvil fácil de usar, una línea de enfermería las 24 horas y el asistente virtual MIBlue, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan y Blue Care Network están listas para ayudarlo a sentirse lo mejor posible, sin estrés.

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