



Proclamation

Hispanic Heritage Month 2021

I hereby designate October 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month at Stony Brook University. The purpose of the month is to focus attention on the Latino community, to provide educational opportunities, to celebrate achievements, to recognize the contributions and needs, and to present the many and diverse aspects of the Latino culture to the University. The 2021 National theme for Hispanic Heritage Month is "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope." Our Stony Brook theme for 2021 is "Dos Mundos: Reconstructing Narratives / *Dos Mundos: Reconstruyendo Narrativas*" We invite everyone to use both themes to consider and celebrate the Latino individuals in our Stony Brook Community as well as reflect on community service and contributions that Latino Americans have made in the history of our nation and this University.

In this 32nd year of programming, a variety of events, both in person and virtual, have been planned by departments and students as is the University tradition. These include lectures, films, educational workshops, art exhibits, culinary programs and the annual closing ceremony that features awards and recognition for students, faculty and staff who have made significant contributions to the Latino community at Stony Brook. The national observation of Hispanic Heritage Month was initiated in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week. It begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. In 1988, the celebration was expanded to 30 days and now ends on October 15.

During this 32nd annual tradition at Stony Brook University, I encourage you to share, explore and learn more about the rich cultural, political and historical perspectives and the social and economic impact of Latinos. By increasing our awareness, highlighting our commonalities, and promoting understanding we can further appreciate the contributions that Latinos make within the University Community and within our society. Please join me in supporting Hispanic Heritage Month at Stony Brook.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurie McInnis".

Maurie McInnis

President, Stony Brook University

