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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ulster County to Host Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Event on Monday, September 16

KINGSTON, NY - The Offices of the Ulster County Executive and Youth Bureau will host a Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony on Monday, September 16, at 5-6 pm, on the first floor of the County Office Building at 244 Fair Street in Kingston.

The free event marks the official kick-off to Hispanic Heritage Month, an annual celebration that runs from September 15 to October 15, honoring the rich history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities. September 15 is a significant date marking the independence anniversaries of a number of Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, with Chile and Mexico celebrating their independence days shortly thereafter.

The ceremony will include a formal Proclamation presented by Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, as well as brief cultural performances that highlight the rich traditions of the community, followed by a Parade of Flags representing diverse Hispanic nations. This gathering is a meaningful way to honor the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate the unity and diversity within the Hispanic and Latino communities.

Event: Hispanic Heritage Proclamation Ceremony

Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

Location: County Office Building, 1st Floor - 244 Fair Street, Kingston NY, 12401

"Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and honoring this month with a Proclamation is more than a ceremony — it's a tribute to the rich tapestry of culture, history, and resilience that defines our community," **said Sugely Melenciano-Weed, Ulster County Youth Bureau**

Director. "Through this event, we honor the past, embrace the present, and pave the way for a future where every voice is heard, and every story is celebrated."

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.



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