HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sat. September 15, 2012, & ends Mon. October 15, 2012.

Preliminary Events:

- *September 8, 2012: "Havana Night"/Stamps Unidos de Pennsylvania at 5:30-10:30 at the Radisson Camp Hill/Contact Person: Hector Ortiz (richie1166@msn.com dr.hrortiz@gmail.com 717) 608-0444)*

- *September 9, 2012: "Feria del Barrio" from 12:00-5:30pm at El Centro de Oro North 5th Street (between Lehigh & Cambria) Philadelphia, PA 19133 In addition to Taller, the lead agency, Feria del Barrio is done in collaboration with Congress del Latinos Undo's, the Hispanic Association of Contractors and Enterprises, and Raíces Culturales Latinoamericanas.*

- *September 12, 2012: Councilwoman Maria D. Quinones-Sanchez and Concilio invite you to attend the annual "Puerto Rican Festival Senior Citizen Luncheon" at The Venue Hall 4210 McAllister St., Philadelphia, PA 12:00pm to 3:00pm Contact: Ariel Rodriguez (215) 627-3100 (ariel.rodriguez@elconcilio.net)*

- *September 14, 2012:*

  (1) Congreso de Latinos Unidos "Trujillo Center" Ribbon Cutting from 10:00am-11:00am at 2830 N. American St. Philadelphia. To celebrate the completion of the Trujillo Center, the 3rd building on Congreso's Campus housing and American Academy Charter School and Harcum College.

  (2) Lecture at The Historical Society of Berks County at 940 Centre Avenue Reading, PA 19601 / (610) 375-4375 "A Personal View of Migrant and Immigrant Latinos in Berks County presented by Dr. Ivan Torres 5:30-8:00pm (Reception 5:30-6:30pm)

SEPTEMBER 2012

Saturday 15:

(1) Latino Hispanic American Community Center & GACLA "Block Party" 10:00am-5:00pm Derry Street between 13th and 14th Harrisburg, PA 17104 (717) 232-8302 / (http://www.lhacc.org)
(2) National Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration 11:00am at 650 North Prince St. Clipper Magazine Stadium
(3) Hispanic American Organization (HAO) of Allentown Gala at the Holiday Inn Fogelsville, PA at 6:30pm. Honoring Mr. G. Timothy Clemens, representing Clemens Food Group and Hatfield Quality Meats $260 per couple $130 per person, (Black Tie Optional) contact: Celia Petiprin (610) 435-5334 / (http://www.hao-lv.org)
(4) La Casa "Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off" Free reception at 7:00pm-8:30pm* at Crowne Plaza 1741 Papermill Road Reading, PA 19610 Contact: Daniel Eguquiza (610) 376-3811 (At the same location this same night but at 9:00pm: HOLLYWOOD Cabaret Night at the Crowne Plaza Reading Admission $10.00)
(5) CUBA "The Revolution Turns 50" 5:30pm-8:30pm at A.C.O.R Gallery of the Arts, Goggleworks Center for the Art 201 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 (www.goggleworks.org)
(6) "Mi Vida Esta en Las Artes" Reception 5:30-8:30pm (Exhibition will run Sept. 1-31, 2012 Goggleworks Center for the Art 201 Washi)ngton Street, Reading, PA 19601 (610) 374-4600 (www.goggleworks.org) *This exhibit will showcase the wide range of art being produced by Hispanic Artists in the City of Reading. Through the visual and performing arts of the Hispanic Community of Artists.*

Sunday 16:

(1) Chambersburg Hispanic American Association event at 12:00pm (717) 262-2480/ http://www.hispanicamericancenter.com
(2) Mexican Consulate Celebration Philadelphia 3:00pm

(3) Mexican Independence Day, Time: 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Great Plaza Penn's Landing Columbus Blvd at Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19106 *Festival goers will enjoy a taste of the rich Mexican culture at the festival and learn about Mexico's past, while witnessing the traditional "Grito de Independencia," a civic ceremony led by the Consul of Mexico in Philadelphia, Carlos Giralt-Cabrales, commemorating the beginning* of the fight that led Mexico to freedom, with the participation of Casa Monarca's color guard (www.mexicanculturalcenter.org/festival_2012)

Monday 17: Hispanic Heritage Month VIP Kick-Off Reception at the State Museum Pennsylvania Memorial Hall from 5:00-7:30pm (By Invitation Only)

Tuesday 18: The 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.
Invite only – RSVP required. For more information, call (412) 281-0660.

Wednesday 19:

Albright College's radio station, WXAC 91.3 FM, presents Pondapalooza, an outdoor concert that begins at 6 p.m. and will be held on Albright's campus at Sylvan Pond. The performances are free and open to the public. Latin music and dancing. Mexican folk music and dances performed by "Mi Cultura", "Mi Pasion"; Salsa music provided by Latin Jazz Boys with salsa dancing instruction by Barrio Alegria featuring Daniel Egusquiza (Sponsored by WXAC 91.3 and Albright's Office of Student Affairs) Sylvan Pond is located on the Albright College campus at 13th and Bern Streets, Reading, PA. Contact: College Relations at 610-921-7526.

Friday 21:

Guest speaker, Secretary of Health, Dr. Eli Avila an event planned to attract and retain a diverse workforce in the health professions. Panelists,

workshops, table displays, food, networking and more 8:30 am to 5:00 pm-HACC-Harrisburg Campus-Wildwood Conference Center, hosted in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Office of Health Equity and Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Saturday 22:

(1) Erie Latino Parade & Festival at 12:00pm until 5:00pm: *"There will be a parade and festival to honor the unique and exceptional contributions Hispanic Americans have made in the United States and Erie County. The parade will begin 12:00 pm originating at 12th and State Street and process north to Perry Square West. From 1:00 – 5:00 pm a rousing fiesta will be held in Perry Square West Gazebo where you can experience different activities, music, dance, and food that is distinctively Latin!"*

(2) HISPANIC GALA: *The annual gala of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley starts at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 in the University Center at DeSales University. The black tie-optional event includes a cocktail reception, dinner and program honoring Lupe Pearce and Sacred Heart Hospital. Single tickets before Aug. 31 are $130 and $250 per couple; $260 per couple after that date. RSVP by Sept. 7. Call 610-351-6798 or e-mail melody@lehighvalleychamber.org.*

Monday 24: PA Turnpike Commission will have a Hispanic Panel at 12:00pm in Middletown

Tuesday 25:

Voter ID Clinics from 10:00am-4:00pm at 2800 N. American St. Philadelphia sponsored by Congreso de Latinos Unidos (www.congreso.net)

Sponsored by Federal employees of the PA Middle District Scranton Federal Courthouse – open to all Federal employess 12PM-2PM Diversity United, Building America Today

Wednesday 26: "Fiesta en la Plaza" 11:00-2:00pm at the Capitol by the fountain sponsored by 20 statewide agencies

Friday 28:

Voter ID Clinics from 10:00am-4:00pm at 2800 N. American St. Philadelphia sponsored by Congreso de Latinos Unidos (www.congreso.net)

Saturday 29: Centro Hispano Daniel Torres: Cultural Music and Food Festival 12:00pm – 8:00pm at Reading Phillies First Energy Stadium 1900 Centre Avenue/RT 61 South Reading, PA 19605

Sunday 30: Puerto Rican Parade in Philadelphia at 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia's Center City. Organized by Concilio (215) 627-3100 (www.elconcilio.net)

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Thursday 4: "Meet & Greet" in Lancaster "First Thursday" Latino Night-Meet the Commissioners of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (GACLA) Contact: Norman Bristol Colon, former GACLA Executive Director (717) 393-7133

"Diversity United, Building America's Future Today" (open to all) Pennsylvania Department of Education 333 Market Street (1st

Floor) Honor's Suite, Harrisburg, PA 12:00 – 1:00pm contact: Angela Riegel (717) 772-1597 (www.education.state.pa.us)

Saturday 6: Celebración Latina – Latin Celebration 1PM
A day of fun and diverse cultural entertainment, food and activities for the community. Featuring live Hispanic bands, DJ entertainment, Hispanic food vendors, voter registration andinformation and sponsor booths. For more information, call (717) 272-1758. Coleman Memorial Park, Lebanon.

Monday 8: Columbus Day (Sent by Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain)

Saturday 13: Free health fair for Latinas: "La Belleza de Nuestra Salud" at Reading Area Community College Schmidt Technology Center from 9:00am-2:00pm / Hispanic Center events at Reading Phillies

NOTE: Post Hispanic Heritage Month:

On Friday, October 19, 2012 Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Annual Fundraiser 7:00pm Brookside Manor at Somerton Springs 50 Bustleton Pike Feasterville-Trevose, PA Contact Persons: Carmen (267) 847-8153/Nelson (267) 342-2611 (www.llabc.org)