

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
 celebrates

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

*Celebrating the Culture and Contributions  
 of People of Hispanic Heritage*

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 6:30pm**

HOSTED BY



K. Jenkins Chairman J. Alvarado Legislator G. Burrows Legislator W. Burton Legislator P. Harchkham Legislator J. Maisano Legislator W. Ryan Legislator A. Williams Legislator L. Williams Legislator

## PROGRAM

### Processional & Pledge of Allegiance

Boys and Girls Scout Troops of El Centro Hispano

### Opening Prayer

Reverend Yamily L. Bass-Choate, Vicar  
 San Andres Memorial Church, Yonkers

### Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

### Youth Performances

*Introduction by Minority Whip Gordon Burrows*

- Youth Dance Group of the San Andres Memorial Church, Yonkers
- Solo Performance by Esteban Rivera, Yorktown Heights

### Presentation of Proclamation

*Introduction by Legislator Jose Alvarado*

Accepted by Larry Delgado, Chair of the Board of Directors  
 El Centro Hispano, White Plains

### Closing Remarks

Legislator Ken Jenkins, Chairman

### Benediction

Reverend Yamily L. Bass-Choate, Vicar  
 San Andres Memorial Church, Yonkers

**Kenneth W. Jenkins**  
*Board Chair*  
 Legislator, 16th District

**John G. Testa**  
 Legislator, 1st District

**Peter B. Harchkham**  
 Legislator, 2nd District

**John M. Nonna**  
 Legislator, 3rd District

**Michael B. Kaplowitz**  
 Legislator, 4th District

**William J. Ryan**  
 Legislator, 5th District

**Martin L. Rogowsky**  
 Legislator, 6th District

**Judith A. Myers**  
*Majority Whip*  
 Legislator, 7th District

**Alfreda A. Williams**  
 Legislator, 8th District

**William E. Burton**  
 Legislator, 9th District

**Sheila M. Marcotte**  
 Legislator, 10th District

**James Maisano**  
*Minority Leader*  
 Legislator, 11th District

**Thomas J. Abinanti**  
*Majority Leader*  
 Legislator, 12th District

**Lyndon D. Williams**  
*Vice Chair*  
 Legislator, 13th District

**Bernice Spreckman**  
 Legislator, 14th District

**Gordon A. Burrows**  
*Minority Whip*  
 Legislator, 15th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
 Legislator, 17th District



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Proclamation

*William J. Ryan*

*John M. Gurnea*

*Frederic J. Williams*

*Judith G. Skye*

*Tom Albanese*

*Abdullah Williams*

*Peter B. Walker*

*Bernice Spredeman*

*Sheila Marcotte*

*John S. Testa*

*James M. Mason*

*Trist B. Kopylov*

*Martin Rogowsky*

Whereas

, THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, AMERICA HAS BEEN A LAND OF DIVERSITY AND HAS BENEFITED FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS BROUGHT TOGETHER BY THE LOVE OF LIBERTY. DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, WE CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY AND THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE THEY HAVE PLAYED IN MAKING OUR NATION STRONG, PROSPEROUS AND FREE, AND

**WHEREAS**, WE GATHERED HERE TODAY ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 TO PRESENT THIS RECOGNITION TO "EL CENTRO HISPANO", AS WE CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, AND

**WHEREAS**, AS WE KICK-OFF NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, WE RECOGNIZE HISPANIC AMERICANS FOR HELPING SHAPE OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES. THE WARMTH AND VITALITY OF THE HISPANIC CULTURE ARE GREAT GIFTS TO AMERICA AND ARE A PART OF THE UNIQUE FABRIC OF OUR COUNTRY, AND

**WHEREAS**, OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY HAS ENRICHED OUR NATION WITH CONTRIBUTIONS IN MANY PROFESSIONS AND FIELDS, INCLUDING EDUCATION, LAW, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, SCIENCE, SPORTS, AND THE ARTS. SINCE OUR NATION'S FOUNDING, HISPANIC AMERICANS HAVE SERVED BRAVELY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, EARNING MORE THAN 3 DOZEN MEDALS OF HONOR AND NUMEROUS DISTINGUISHED MILITARY DECORATIONS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, COURAGE, AND PATRIOTISM. TODAY, HISPANIC AMERICANS IN OUR ARMED FORCES, NATIONAL GUARD, AND RESERVE UNITS CONTINUE THIS PROUD LEGACY AS THEY STAND WATCH ON THE FRONT LINES OF FREEDOM. THE HARD WORK, VALUES, AND DEVOTION OF COMMUNITIES OF HISPANIC AMERICANS SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR ALL AMERICANS.

**WHEREAS**, THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY HAVE MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON EVERY PART OF OUR SOCIETY, THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE ASTRONAUTS, DOCTORS, TEACHERS, LAWYERS AND SCIENTISTS. THE VIBRANCY OF OUR HISPANIC COMMUNITY PERFORMERS ENRICHES MUSIC, DANCING, AND THE ARTS. HISPANICS SERVE AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. LATINO ENTREPRENEURS ARE STARTING AND GROWING BUSINESSES ALL ACROSS AMERICA, CREATING JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES. THE HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ALL THOSE WHO DREAM OF A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND

**WHEREAS**, TODAY, HISPANIC CULTURE CONTINUES TO SHAPE THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE, THEY CONTRIBUTE TO EVERY WALK OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN LIFE, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY PRESERVING THE UNIQUE CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF THEIR ANCESTORS. HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROVIDES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE HISPANIC PEOPLE FOR THEIR COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SOCIETY AND TO PAY TRIBUTE AGAIN TO AMERICA'S DISTINCTIVE DIVERSITY, AND

**WHEREAS**, WE ARE A BLESSED NATION TO HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO CLAIM HISPANIC HERITAGE. OUR CITIZENS MUST RECOGNIZE THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF HISPANIC AMERICANS TO OUR COUNTRY. HISPANIC AMERICANS ARE HARD-WORKING ENTREPRENEURIAL PEOPLE WHO DREAM BIG DREAMS. THEY'RE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEIR GOD, LOVE THEIR FAMILIES, BUT MOST OF ALL, THEY LOVE THEIR COUNTRY, AMERICA, AND

**WHEREAS**, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS SUCH AS THOSE OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY SHOULD BE PROPERLY RECOGNIZED AND ACCLAIMED; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN IN RECOGNIZING THE PROUD HISTORY AND RICH CULTURE OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY ON THIS DATE, AND **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, THAT SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2009 BE PROCLAIMED "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY; AND **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.



Given Under My Hand and Seal this 7th Day of SEPTEMBER, 2010

*Ken Jenkins*  
Chairman

*Joe Almonte*  
Legislator

*Judith G. Skye*