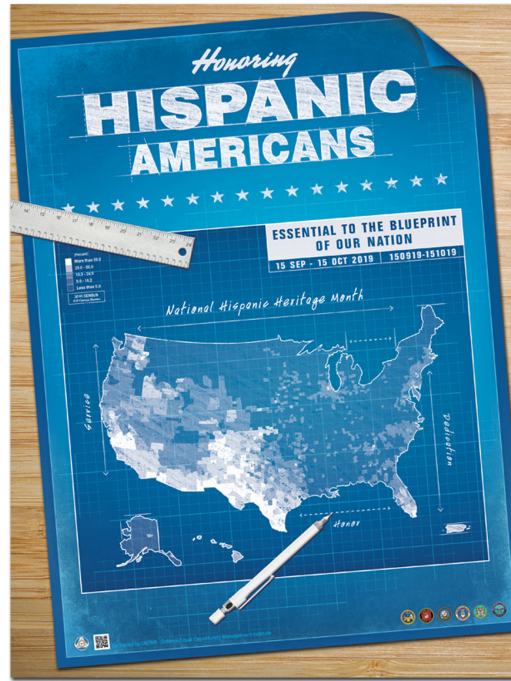


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National Hispanic Heritage Month



FACTS

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Hispanic Heritage Month stands out from other cultural observances in that it spans two different months: September and October.

The date of this observance was chosen to coincide with important events in many communities, including several independence days throughout Latin America.

Sharing the dream of equality and boundless opportunity, many Hispanics have marched for social justice, defended our country, and helped advance America's journey toward a more perfect Nation.

Hispanics Americans have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service.

This month, the Department of Defense acknowledges these vital contributions and celebrates Hispanic heritage.