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Commissioners Proclaim Hispanic Heritage Month in Lake County

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, September 28, 2023— At yesterday's Commissioner's meeting, the Board proclaimed September 15 through October 15, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month in Lake County, Ohio.

The month-long celebration recognizes the valuable contributions made by residents of Hispanic descent to all aspects of American life, including leadership in public service, business, the arts, education and civil rights.

The theme for this year's observance is "Prosperity, Power and Progress" recognizing the significant achievements of the Hispanic community in economic, social and political industries.

"We encourage all members of the community to celebrate 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month by attending a diverse array of events that reflect the rich tapestry of Hispanic cultures," said Commission President, John R. Hamercheck.

"Thank you so much Commissioners for this opportunity to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, I am so proud to be here today. The HOLA Hispanic Community Center supports education, health, mental health, financial stability through employment, and our Hispanic culture. We can only do this with the partnerships that we have, such as OhioMeansJobs and many others," said Veronica Isabel Dahlberg, Founding Executive Director of HOLA Ohio.



Left to Right: Director at Job and Family Services, Suzanne Casar, Commissioner John Plecnik, Victim Advocate for the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Gladys Figueroa, Founding Executive Director of HOLA Ohio, Veronica Dahlberg, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich and Commission President, John R. Hamercheck.

Events throughout Lake County during Hispanic Heritage Month are listed below:

- Painesville City Local Schools – Diversity Night, with Taco Truck and Folkloric Dancers, at Harvey High School, October 11, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Lincoln Library at Lake Erie College, Exhibit – Travel to Mexico: Vintage Travel Brochures, Postcards and Souvenirs. M – F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- HOLA Ohio – Dia de Muertos display, October 23 – November 3, at HOLA Hispanic Community Center, 265 N. State St., Painesville. Free and open to public.
- HOLA Ohio Fundraising Dinner, Folkloric dancers, traditional Mexican food, November 2, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

“We are grateful for all the County agencies who support the Hispanic Community in Lake County. Participating in the Lake County Visitors Bureau’s Taco Trail is a great way to learn and explore the many Mexican restaurants throughout our county,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

Learn more about the Taco Trail here: <https://www.mylakeoh.com/elcaminodetacos>

“We are honored to recognize all the contributions the Hispanic community does to enhance our Hispanic Heritage culture in Lake County,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

OhioMeansJobs recently featured Veronica Dahlberg on their podcast where she spoke about the services HOLA Ohio provides to the area’s Latino community. Listen on Apple or Spotify:

<https://lnkd.in/g-T4xz3z>

<https://open.spotify.com/show/6BovzmFFwJ1ZBbN9ZHsFjp?si=b3a64725d8ad4f43&nd=1>

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