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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Hispanic Heritage Month brings wealth of events for Milwaukee, region

Alderman José G. Pérez invites everyone to join in celebration of **Hispanic Heritage Month** by attending the numerous events that are taking place in Milwaukee and across the area during September.

“We have so much rich cultural diversity in Milwaukee and Hispanic Heritage Month helps shine the spotlight on some of the wonderful groups, activities and organizations that provide so much Latin flavor and enrichment in our city and the region,” Alderman Pérez said.

“I strongly encourage neighbors to take in one or all of the events being offered throughout the month,” he said. “Stay tuned to our E-Notify messaging for additional event announcements throughout the month.”

Tonight (**Friday, September 14**) Milwaukee’s **Mexican Consulate** will be celebrating Mexico’s 208th Independence Day from Spain.

Tomorrow (**Saturday, September 15**) from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. enjoy the Latin rhythms of drummer Julio Pabon from De La Buena and director of Samba da Vida. Participate in a hands-on drumming workshop with drums provided, or bring your own! Make an art project inspired by Zapotec rugs. It all takes place at the Mitchell Street Library, 906 W. Historic Mitchell St.

On Sunday, **September 16**, join in the fun during the UMOS Mexican Independence Day Parade and Festival (the largest celebration of this day in the state). This marks the 47th year of the UMOS event in Milwaukee. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at 20th and Oklahoma, proceeds east on Oklahoma to 6th Street, to right on Rosedale and ends at UMOS on Chase Avenue. More than 80 parade units are expected to participate in the parade, including high school bands, community and corporate floats, and dancers.

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This year's parade theme is "From the Scream to Victory."

The **UMOS Festival** on Sunday will be held at the UMOS Center-2701 S. Chase Ave.): rides for the kids. Free Family Fun! For more information on the UMOS Mexican Independence Parade and Festival call 414-389-6002.

On **Monday, September 17th at 10 a.m. at the City Hall Rotunda, Mayor Tom Barrett** and Alderman Pérez will share the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month with a **kick-off news conference** in celebrating the Hispanic community not only in Milwaukee, but in the region and across the country. Also participating in the news conference: **Griselda Aldrete**, Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee; **Ricardo Diaz**, United Community Center; **Alberto Maldonado**, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee; and **Kathy Schwab** of the Milwaukee Brewers.

On **Thursday, September 20**, all are invited to take part in a one year anniversary candlelight vigil to remember those who died and those affected in Puerto Rico and beyond by Hurricane Maria. **Thursday's vigil will go from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm** at UMOS on S. Chase Ave.

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