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Hispanic Heritage Day at the State Capitol
Celebrated Virtually on September 18

Salem, Ore. -- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15, 2021, will be celebrated by the Oregon State Capitol with a kick-off online event Saturday, September 18, starting at 10 a.m.

The event is free and the public is invited to watch video performances on the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/309691954128787>, or on the Capitol's website: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/capitolhistorygateway/Pages/hispanic-heritage-day.aspx> .

The event will feature family-friendly activities like musical entertainment, dance, speakers and more, and is sponsored by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation as part of the Capitol History Gateway project. This year's premier partners on the event are the Salem Multicultural Institute and World Beat Gallery, and the Oregon Folklife Network.

Event performances will be given by the Casa de la Cultura Tlanese, Ballet Papalotl, Huehca Omeyocan, Peña Charra del Oeste Oregón, and the Peruvian Cultural Festival. The Instituto de Cultural Oregoniana has invited Western Oregon University Spanish Department chair Patricia Gimenez, to speak about the influence of Arabic on the Spanish language and will also feature Governor Kate Brown reading from her Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation.

For more information, call the Oregon State Capitol Visitor Services Department at 503-986-1388.