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September 15 to October 15

**¡Mes de la Herencia Hispana!**

We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, by recognizing the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States. We also celebrate this special heritage and culture during this time.

The term Hispanic or Latino, refers to Puerto Rican, South or Central American, and other Spanish cultures or origins regardless of race.

September 15th is the anniversary of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua's independence. Mexico, Chile, and Belize share their independence during this month as well. Columbus Day (Dia de la Raza) is the second Monday in October.

Today nearly 58 million people, or 18% of Americans, are of Hispanic or Latino origin and another 3.3 million are residents of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory.

Share in this annual tribute by learning about and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively enriched our nation and society.

**¡Celebra!**

HispanicHeritageMonth.org

### Did you know?

Franklin Ramón Chang Díaz was born in San José, Costa Rica on April 5, 1950.

Franklin's NASA career began in 1980 when he was selected as a candidate to become an astronaut. He made his first trip aboard a space shuttle in 1986 and went on six more



missions between 1989 and 2002. Starting in 1993, he served as the director for the Advanced Space Propulsion Laboratory at the Johnson Space Center until his retirement in 2005. Currently, he is an Adjunct Professor in Physics and Astronomy at Rice University.



Baruj Benacerraf was a Venezuelan-American immunologist, who shared the 1980 Nobel Prize in Physiology or

Medicine for the discovery of the major histocompatibility complex genes. Benacerraf was born in Caracas, Venezuela in 1920. He and his family moved to Paris from Venezuela in 1925, and later the U.S. in 1940. In 1942, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Columbia University, and went on to obtain his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Virginia. He has authored over 300 books and articles.



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## No Blame, No Shame: A Conversation About Race

The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission and the SC Collaborative for Race and Reconciliation (SCCRR) are working together inviting the public to a panel discussion titled:  
**No Blame, No Shame:  
A Conversation About Race**  
led by Moderator Jennifer H. Gunter, PhD, Director of the SC Collaborative for Race and Reconciliation. This will be the third in a series of four discussions held in various counties throughout South Carolina.

**September 26, 2019  
6:00 p.m.  
Florence Public Library  
509 South Dargan Street  
Florence, SC**

Aiken County will be the next location of the fourth No Blame, No Shame panel discussion this November.  
  
Date/Time/Location to be announced soon.

- Annual Event Calendar for  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS
- January**  
MLK/Interfaith Awareness
  - February**  
African American History
  - March**  
Women's History/End Racism Day
  - April**  
Fair Housing
  - May**  
Law Enforcement/Community Relations
  - June**  
Disaster Preparedness/  
Emanuel 9  
Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation
  - July**  
Employment Discrimination/  
Economic Opportunity
  - August**  
Youth Project/Back to School
  - September**  
Hispanic Heritage/  
Cultural Diversity
  - October**  
Disability Employment Awareness
  - November**  
American Indian Heritage/  
Veterans' Appreciation
  - December**  
Aging & Poverty Issues