



COUNTY OF ERIE | STATE OF NEW YORK

Executive Proclamation **Office of the County Executive**

PROCLAIMING "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"

WHEREAS, Erie County recognizes that Hispanic-Americans represent a wide array of cultures and have contributed to the development and prosperity of our community by contributing to the advancement of the economy, arts, sciences, sports, religion, business, education and public service, and by affirming the importance of family bonds and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the United States Congress authorized Hispanic Heritage Month to be observed from September 15 through October 15 to encourage all citizens to recognize, understand and appreciate the contributions of Hispanic-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-Americans have been a part of our rich heritage since our nation's inception; and

WHEREAS, our nation and community are proud of the sacrifices that Hispanic-Americans and their families have made as part of the United States Armed Forces throughout our nation's history, serving and fighting with honor and distinction in every war and showing their love for our homeland by answering the call of duty during our nation's time of need; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-American leaders across our nation and Community have made significant contributions to our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-Americans believe in the promise of America and have passed from generation to generation their commitment and profound understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizens of a free nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2010, as "**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**" in the Majestic County of Erie, of the Great State of New York, the Empire State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Erie this 10th Day of September, 2012.

MARK C. POLONCARZ
Erie County Executive

