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## **National Hispanic Heritage Month**

**OCOEE, Fla.** – The City of Ocoee is pleased to join the nationwide observance of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes the contributions of Americans whose ancestry originates from Spain, Mexico, Central America, South American and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean. The city recognizes the rich and diverse culture of its Hispanic and Latino residents who represent 22 percent of Ocoee’s population.

A Hispanic Heritage Month proclamation will be read at the Ocoee City Commission meeting on September 15 at 6:15 p.m. Motorists traveling on Clarke Road will see festive “Ocoee Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month” pole banners along the street. Colorful framed posters featuring Hispanic art are displayed in the lobby at Ocoee City Hall.

The city’s government station, Ocoee TV, is airing a series titled “Latino Americans: The 500-Year Legacy that Shaped a Nation.” “Latino Americans” is a landmark six-hour documentary featuring interviews with nearly 100 Latinos and more than 500 years of history. The series is the first major television documentary to chronicle the rich and varied history and experience of Latinos. For the past 500-plus years, Latinos have helped shape what is today the United States and have become, with 60 million people, the largest minority group in America.

Viewers can watch the seven, one-hour episodes on Ocoee TV Spectrum Channel 493 and live streamed at <https://www.ocoee.org/197/Ocoee-TV> through the end of October. All episodes start at 9 p.m. on these days: “Empire of Dreams” on Mondays; “War and Peace” on Tuesdays; The “New Latinos” on Wednesdays; “Prejudice and Pride” on Thursdays; “Peril and Promise” on Fridays; “Famous Hispanic Americans” on Saturdays and “Foreigners in Their Own Land” on Sundays.

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