



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
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NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK

September 14-20, 1986

National Hispanic Heritage Week will be observed throughout the Federal Government during the week of September 14-20, 1986. The Department of Transportation will participate in this nationwide celebration with programs and activities in headquarters and field facilities.

In this year's theme, "Hispanics: An Economic and Electoral Influence," we recognize the many Hispanic contributions to our political and economic systems. More Hispanics are voting, participating in the electoral process and holding public office than ever before. From Florida to California to New York, Hispanics are emerging as elected leaders and more Hispanics are serving at all levels of government. In the Department of Transportation, Hispanic employment is on the increase and we are working to assure that Hispanics and other minorities have opportunities for advancement.

We are witnessing an emergence of Hispanic involvement and influence in our Nation's business and economic development which is helping to lead the United States into an era of unprecedented progress. The impact of the top 500 Hispanic businesses is dramatic. Total gross sales rose from \$7.46 billion in 1985 to \$8.7 billion in 1986. The total number of employees of the top 500 businesses total 65,386. In the Department of Transportation, Hispanics are winning many contracts to provide services ranging from management consulting to high technology development. Progress in these economic areas reflects positively on the general economic growth of the country.

I encourage all DOT employees to join me in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Week and participating in events planned within the Department. Let this week be a time to reflect on the progress of Hispanic Americans in economics and in gaining leadership positions in government and industry. Let us also use this week to reaffirm our commitment to equal opportunity and social justice for Hispanic Americans, for these are America's promises to all her people.

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ACTIVITIES

Sept. 15 Monday	2:00-3:00 pm	D.C. Council of HEP Managers Ford Theater
	6:00-8:00 pm	Speaker: Mike Causey Reception: Library of Congress Guest of Honor: Franklin Chang-Diaz
Sept. 16 Tuesday		NO ACTIVITIES
Sept. 17 Wednesday	10:30-11:45 am	NHTSA/OIG/FHWA/UMTA/MARAD Nassif Bldg., Room 2230 Theme: "Hispanics Influencing Transportation" Speaker: Amparo Bouchey, Director, OSDBU Hispanic Panel Discussion Film and display of artifacts
Sept. 18	10:00-11:30 am	USCG Trans Point, Room 2415 Speakers: Admiral Lusk, Chief of Staff Dr. Soledad Arenas Music, food tasting, Hispanic artifacts
	11:30-12:30 pm	OST/RSPA/FRA FAA Auditorium Speakers: Secretary Dole Jim J. Marquez, General Counsel Congressman Manuel Lujan, NM Dr. Robert Saucedo
Sept. 19	2:00-3:00 pm	FAA FAA Building, 8th floor conference room 5th Annual Open House Cultural and Ethnic Cuisine Demonstration Food, music, artifacts