



Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Utah Hispanic/Latino Day is an occasion to recognize the positive impact of Hispanics/Latinos in the State of Utah, by bringing together the Hispanic community and the state as a whole in the effort to improve the quality of life for all Utahns;

Whereas, Utah Hispanic/Latino Day promotes cultural diversity by recognizing the significant social, economic, and cultural contributions Americans of Hispanic/Latino descent make to Utah and the United States;

Whereas, the diverse backgrounds of Hispanics/Latinos and their dedication to family have become an integral part of our heritage;

Whereas, with a deep commitment to faith and a strong desire to live the American dream, these citizens are invaluable members of our state and nation;

Whereas, educational opportunities are helping a new generation of Hispanics/Latinos work towards success, and many operate thriving businesses and serve as professionals and elected officials;

Whereas, with a current population of more than 350,000 people, Hispanics/Latinos are Utah's largest ethnic minority; and,

Whereas, Hispanic/Latinos are increasingly involved in various levels of government and civic service by serving in appointed and elected positions, displaying demonstrated leadership as working professionals, and serving as role models;

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare February 18, 2009, as

Utah Hispanic/Latino Day

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Governor