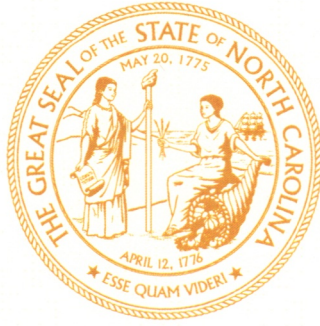




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 16, after his people had been under Spanish rule for three centuries, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla sparked the fight for independence as he united the people of México; and

WHEREAS, each year, individuals of Mexican ancestry throughout the world gather to celebrate and reflect upon the history for their nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, each year Mes Patrio, Mexico's Independence Month, is celebrated from the first of September to the 30th of September, and Mexico's Independence Day and freedom are celebrated on September 16th;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina openly welcomes the people of Mexican ancestry who make their homes here; and

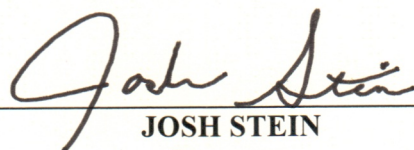
WHEREAS, among all North Carolina Hispanic or Latino residents, including those born in the United States, 54 percent identify Mexican as their primary ancestry; and

WHEREAS, we are further inspired by the economic, social, and cultural contributions of the Mexican community within North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we understand that although this binational recognition is scheduled each year for one month, we work throughout the year to create a more socially and culturally inclusive states;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as "MEXICO'S INDEPENDENCE MONTH" in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.