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Legislator Monica R. Martinez Attends the Central-American Day Parade

On September 14, 2014, Legislator Monica R. Martinez attended the Central-American Day Parade in Nassau County.

While there are many parades celebrated on Long Island, there is one parade that many immigrants hold dear to their heart; the Central-American Day Parade. September 15 is an important date as it is known as Central American Independence Day. This day marked 192 years since Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica signed their declarations of independence from Spain.

September 15th also marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States where Americans observe and celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; it is only natural the celebrations continue.

“It is my honor as a Salvadorean-American to celebrate my country of origin with others. It is important to remember the history and culture of my country and appreciate the opportunities the United States has given me,” stated Legislator Martinez.

The Central American Independence Day Parade on Long Island is indicative of the impact immigrants have made to our local communities. The unity between Central American countries demonstrates how we as Americans can unite to create a more diverse and inclusive society.



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