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State Capitol to Kick Off National Hispanic Heritage Month with a Special Saturday Event

Salem, Ore. -- National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15, 2017, will be celebrated with a kick-off event at the Oregon State Capitol on Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and the public is invited to attend, rain or shine. The four-hour event, which includes family-friendly activities like musical entertainment, games, crafts, exhibits, speakers and dancing, is sponsored by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation as part of the Capitol History Gateway project.

This year's event is themed Dance! Dance! Dance! and will feature an opening performance by Espacio Flamenco. Chayag Andean musicians will be teaching two Andean flute making workshops, and then end the day with a half-hour performance starting at 1:30 p.m.. Peru Baila Asi, Salseros, and Grupo Ritual Azteca will also be performing during the day. Attendees can learn steps to the Salsa, Merengue, Cha Cha, Flamenco, Rumba and more.

There will also be two presentations given that day. Starting at 11 a.m. the Instituto de Cultura will be presenting a speaker series on Bilingualism in Hearing Room D, and at 11:30 a.m. there will be a presentation of a Quincenera.

Tower tours will be given to the observation platform on the top of the Capitol at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The tours are weather permitting and capacity controlled.

To embrace and welcome Spanish speakers the day of the event, interpreters will be stationed around the Capitol and in the Information Kiosk to answer questions and highlight important information.

This celebration is one in a series of special events which invites Oregonians into "the people's building" on a Saturday, while offering a free and fun family experience. Parking around the Capitol is free on the weekends. More information can be found at www.oregoncapitol.com or by calling Visitor Services at 503-986-1388.