Salem, Oregon, September 5, 2017

Speaker Series: II Talks on Bilingualism

Dear Friends,

For the third consecutive year, the ICO will be collaborating on the organization of the Hispanic Heritage Day. This event will take place in Salem on September 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the State Capitol Building of Oregon.

The following link will provide all of the information about the event, and its official communication material: http://www.oregoniana.org/dia-de-la-hispanidad-2017-capitolio-de-oregon/

At 11:00 a.m. the II Bilingual and Multilingual Talks will be held in the Hearing Room D where esteemed bilingual speakers from our state will speak about the advantages of bilingualism and multilingualism from different perspectives ranging from economic development to cultural benefits and development of people’s identity.

The panel this year will feature speakers from the world of art, business, government, politics, education and communication. We will have individual electronic headsets for the simultaneous interpretation between Spanish and English.

The event will be presented by the Consul of Mexico Mr. Manuel Hernández Cárdenas

Speakers: Phil Decker (Education, Four Corners Elementary) - Craig Epplin (Education, Portland State University) - Xochitl Esparza (Government, State of Oregon, DHS) - Yuritzy A. González (Government, Marion County) - Gustavo Gutiérrez Gómez (Government, City of Woodburn) - Paulina Hermosillo (Photography, journalism, MismoMundo OneWorld) - Levi Herrera (Social Politics, Mano a Mano) - Juanishi Orosco (Art, Royal Chicano Air Force) - Ramón Ramírez (Union Politics, PCUN) - María Damaris Silva (Education, folklore)

Moderator: Matías Trejo De Dios (Instituto de Cultura Oregoniana)

Interpreters: Cecilia Mihaylo and Joan Milligan

After the conclusion of the speaker’s presentation, the floor will be open for questions to the panel of speakers.

We invite all those interested in promoting Spanish-speaking culture and multilingualism in Oregon to participate in this important and historic event.

Best Regards,

Matías Trejo De Dios

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