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### **CSOSA COMMEMORATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's Special Observances Committee announces this year's program of events for Hispanic Heritage Month. The series will be held every Wednesday from September 10 to October 1, 2003, and is entitled "Tributes...Tributos." The series pays homage to different aspects of Hispanic/Latino Culture. The first program is being held on 9-10-03 from 12pm-1pm at CSOSA's 25 K Street, NE field unit and will showcase the life and works of Octavio Paz. Light refreshments representative of Mexican culture will be served. The second program will be held on 9-17-03 at 3850 South Capitol Street, SE from 12pm-1pm and will honor Latino families with an overview of certain traditions/customs. Light refreshments representative of Central American culture will be served. The third program will be held on 9-24-03 at 1230 Taylor Street, NW, also from 12pm-1pm, and will showcase dances from the Caribbean. Light refreshments representative of Dominican culture will be served. The culminating program will be held on 10-1-03 from 11am-1pm at 300 Indiana Avenue NW (Room 2066). This final program will pay tribute to the Latino Community (to include recognition of Latinos in law enforcement and public service). Refreshments representative of the Cuban culture will be served following this event.

The Congress, by Public Law 100-402, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating September 15 through October 15, as "National Hispanic Heritage Month." In remarks recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month, President Bush stated " The diversity of America has always been, always been, a great strength of this country. Here, you can be proud of your cultural heritage, proud of your ancestry, proud of your native language, and still be a proud American."

For more information about the series of events, please call Reyna Cartagena at (202) 328-4411.