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Hispanic Heritage Month: Toward More Diversity, More Inclusion

Hi, this is Letha Strothers and welcome to HUD News Round-up. October 15, 2010 marked the closing to an observance of diversity, appreciation, honor, and change within the Latino community. During this month many organizations, businesses, artists, and more came forward to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month. Today we'll talk about going beyond the celebration to more diversity and inclusion.

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Much around us is Latin-inspired, from the food in your favorite restaurant to the music on your favorite radio station. This is an important time to educate those who are unaware of the beauty in diversity and tradition. It's a gateway of opportunity to educate our children on the victories won to get to where we are now.

The celebration of diversity does not end with Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Asian Pacific Month, or Native American Heritage Month. In 2008, the United States elected a President who had a vision of making our communities more diverse and more inclusive, a vision to make the Federal government a more open, diverse place to work. HUD is committed to that effort. To enhance the workplace environment by tackling inequities and by allowing HUD employees to have their voices heard, HUD created the Diversity Council last year. The Council is made up of several groups interested in addressing issues facing minority communities as well providing an opportunity to mentor and network.

Serving our Hispanic families and communities well requires that we have a first-hand understanding of the challenges they face. Even though we have a long way to go, we are constantly working to be a catalyst of change. Our efforts through the Hispanic Employment Program and Human Resources Recruitment team have opened our doors to several new interns in the past month and we look forward to extending the same opportunity to many others.

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