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Hispanic Heritage Month

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The Civil Rights Division Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



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Employee Spotlight



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Hobbies: I enjoy reading books, watching Vol Football, and I am a huge Texas Ranger fan. Recently, I discovered cooking with a Dutch oven (always on the lookout for a new recipe!).

Tell us what Hispanic Heritage Month means to you and why?

I am proud to be Hispanic and I'm thankful we are able to celebrate our culture. It's an opportunity to share our traditions, beliefs, music and of course food.

What customs and/or traditions in your culture are important to you and why?

Family is so important in my culture. I relish and enjoy the blending of Spanish/Hispanic culture with Texas culture (my native state). It brings joy all around and richness to life. My grandmother was a fabulous cook and it left a lasting impression on me. It became our family tradition to make a fabulous dinner on Christmas Eve using my grandmother's recipes. Some of her recipes are traditional Spanish recipes and some would be considered Tex-Mex. I feel that this tradition honors her memory and continues to bring us joy during our holidays. It also keeps me tied to my Spanish/Texas roots.

Describe an initiative that you feel can promote and engage others to participate in DEI efforts?

I think a way to promote these efforts is through mentorship programs. Mentorship programs encourage personal and professional growth. Less experienced workers gain valuable career insight and advice from others within the department and this allows them to gain new skills and perspectives. It also allows for meeting new people.

