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¡Hola!

Hispanic Heritage Month is from September 15 – October 15 — a celebration of many contributions and accomplishments the Hispanic community has made to enrich our great nation. Like America itself, the Hispanic community draws strength from the diversity of its many distinct cultures, each with vibrant histories and unique perspectives.

Social Security is continuously working to ensure that all of our customers, including those in the Hispanic community with limited English proficiency, have full access to our services. We provide information about our programs and services in Spanish at www.socialsecurity.gov/espanol. We also provide **free interpreter services** to help the Spanish-speaking community conduct Social Security business in their preferred language, whether it is by phone or at their local Social Security office.

Easily accessible services are critical to our beneficiaries in the Hispanic community. Among Hispanics receiving benefits in 2013, 37 percent of elderly married couples and 62 percent of elderly unmarried persons relied on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their income.

For more information on the significance of Social Security to the Hispanic community, please visit our website www.socialsecurity.gov/espanol or www.segurosocial.gov and stay tuned for our new Spanish language videos titled, *How Social Security Can Help You Plan for Retirement* and *Social Security 101: What's in it for me?*, available later this year.

I appreciate you sharing this important information with your colleagues. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Gracias,

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