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## Monmouth Vicinage Continues Its Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

The Monmouth Vicinage will host a cultural program to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, Oct. 11 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the jury assembly room of the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Superior Court Judge Lourdes Lucas, chair of the Monmouth Vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee will moderate the program. Ramona E. Romero, vice president and general counsel of Princeton University; Julia Lopez, president of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey; and attorney Maria Cortes will address students from Park Avenue Elementary School in Freehold Borough.

The program will feature a flamenco dance performance by the Alborada Spanish Dance Theater and a vocal performance by Judiciary employee Christina Landrie. An exhibit of Latin American art will be displayed and traditional Latin American attire will be presented.

"The Monmouth Vicinage honors the rich history and significant contributions of Hispanics to our nation and the legal field," Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said. "I look forward to gaining inspiration from the stories of accomplishments and challenges faced by the distinguished speakers at our program."

The program will follow a naturalization ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. The events are part of a continuing celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month by the Monmouth Vicinage. Vicinage employees also participated in the Latino Festival of Monmouth County on Sept. 21.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Monmouth Vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement. Media inquiries should be sent to Janet Slocum at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025.