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LA FIESTA DE INDEPENDENCIA DE MEXICO REENACTMENT SLATED FOR SEPT. 15, 2024

Who: Cónsul General Hernández Haddad

What: El Grito de Independencia de México

Where: Republic Square Park, 5th & Guadalupe

When: 15 de septiembre, 6 - 9 p.m.

The Austin metropolitan area and Central Texas are cordially invited to attend the La Fiesta del Grito de la Independencia de México on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Republic Square Park, 422 Guadalupe Street in the state Capital. This day marks the 214th anniversary of the declaration of independence from Spain by the Mexican priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. The event is free and open to the public. For tickets, visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-fiesta-de-independencia-de-mexico-tickets-994079106367>.

The highlight of the evening will be when Consul General of México Humberto Hernández Haddad reenacts the cry for independence. Entertainment will feature the Roy Lozano Ballet Folclórico, Mariachi Capital and Sonora Explosiva Dinamita. The event will include an artisan mercado with art and arts and crafts from México and exhibits by community resource agencies.

The Austin Saltillo Sister Cities Association (ASSCA) is organizing the event in partnership with the Consulate General of México in Austin, Downtown Austin Alliance Foundation, City of Austin Economic Development Department, Mexic-Arte Museum, World Affairs Council of Austin, Austin Sister Cities International and El Mundo newspaper.

Today El Diez y Seis de Septiembre is celebrated throughout the United States due to the large Mexican and Mexican American population of more than 35 million who remain proud of its roots.

Texas has a shared history with México which began as early as 1689 when both were part of New Spain. In 1821, Mexico achieved its independence from Spain, and three years later, the Mexican Constitution officially created the state of Coahuila y Tejas with the capitol in Saltillo. This year marks the Bicentennial of the creation of Coahuila y Tejas. These two regions remained one state until 1835. In 1836, Texas gained its independence from Mexico, but the Spanish language, history and many traditions and customs remain part of the Texas early frontier legacy.

ASSCA has maintained ties with Mexico through its connection with Saltillo, Coahuila, its sister city. The organization was established on Nov. 7, 1968, and has included 55 years of diplomatic missions of government and business leaders, cultural and education exchanges, public safety and training programs, commerce, and art exhibits.

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