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Jersey City to Celebrate Ecuador's Independence

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs will host the Ecuadorian Festival from **12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, August 8, 2010** in **Exchange Place**.

On **August 5, 2010**, the City of Jersey City raised the flag of Ecuador in recognition of their outstanding civic and professional achievements.

The **Ecuadorian** people have been observing their day of independence since 1809 - the year in which the *Primer Grito de la Independencia* (First Call for Independence) sounded from the City of Quito. Their diligent efforts in pursuit of their country's national sovereignty and inherent freedoms are a testament to the highest ideals of democracy. **Ecuador's** successful departure from Spanish control heralded the forthcoming Independence of many other Latin American nations. The nation's inspiring struggle will certainly stand in history for centuries to come.

“The Ecuadorian community in our city is a vital thread within our city's Tapestry of Nations,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Every year, we raise their flag and honor the individuals in **Ecuador's** history who have been instrumental in achieving the people's right to self-governance, which is a major element in any true democracy.”

Each year, **Desfile y Festival Ecuatoriano Estatal de New Jersey, Inc.'s** recognizes the achievements of several people in the community who have made selfless contributions. Among those being honored are: **Hilda Murillo; Fresia Saavedra; members of La Pandilla - Pablo Noboa, Michael Pantaleon, Joffrey Alcibar, and Peter Castillo; Maribella; Pio Cupello; Dr. Victor Hugo Flores; Angel Azul Bakery; Council For Hispanic Affairs – NJCU; Latino Street; Grupo Sabor A Miel; Mino; Noticiero Ecuatoriano; and Rosa Gutierrez.**

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