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Suffolk Courts and Long Island Hispanic Bar Association Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. – Suffolk County’s District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce that the Suffolk County Courts and the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month today in a ceremony held in the Central Jury Room at the Cohalan Court Complex in Central Islip.

Supreme Court Justice Hector Daniel LaSalle, Suffolk County Legislator Ricardo Montano, 9th District and Richard Montes, Esq., President of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association gave moving speeches recognizing the accomplishments within Long Island’s Hispanic community. The program featured traditional Hispanic music sung by Gerard Donnelly, Esq., and accompanied by Rafael Penate, Esq. on the guitar.

“This year’s theme for National Hispanic Heritage Month, is particularly appropriate,” said District Administrative Judge H. Patrick Leis III. “Heritage, Diversity, Integrity and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America aptly describes the dedication and hard work of Long Island’s Hispanic leaders in the legal community. The positive collaboration among the courts, the legal community, and the bar associations is a positive force in ensuring justice for Long Island’s diverse population.”

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