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City Of Reading Celebrates Dominican Independence Day

READING, PA – February 24, 2015 - The Mayor and City Council President Francis Acosta invite the community to the City of Reading's celebration of Dominican Independence Day which will take place at City Hall on Saturday, February 28th, 2014, starting at 2 pm.

While the Dominican community has been celebrating Dominican Independence Day for years in the City, including having a flag raising ceremony at City Hall, this is the first year that it is hosted by Mayor Spencer and Council President Acosta. It is the hopes of the community volunteers that this event continues to grow and bring more diversity and culture to the City.

"Our main message," commented Mayor Spencer, "that we have for the people of the Dominican Republic is that we value your impact on the City of Reading."

The event will honor Dominican pioneers in the City, feature a showcase by Reading High School Students, and include the raising of the Dominican flag outside City Hall. Students will present an exhibition of Dominican sports, cuisine, influential individuals and other topics to bring more awareness of Dominican culture and its contributions. One of the first Dominican families in the City will also be honored for their efforts.

"I think American citizens greatly appreciate the bonds between the two countries -- bonds that express themselves obviously in the extraordinary Dominican population and Dominican American population that we have here in the City of Reading," noted Council President Acosta.

For more information about the event visit the City of Reading Facebook page:
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