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**OGS KICKS OFF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH THE
HANNAFORD HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION**

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner John C. Egan today announced the grand finale to the 2009 *At the Plaza* Summer Series. The Hannaford Hispanic Heritage Celebration will take place at the Empire State Plaza on Saturday, September 19, from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Beginning with the Capital Region Latino Parade (Washington Park – 2:00 p.m.), visitors can expect a full day of entertainment and celebration featuring the unity and progress of the Hispanic community. At 3:00 p.m. on the Plaza stage, a ceremony will recognize the achievements of Hispanic veterans in the Capital District.

The program will be followed by musical performances and dance demonstrations headlined by Raul Acosta “El Presidente del Merengue,” and Oro Sólido, New York’s hottest and most established merengue band.

Joining them on the main stage will be Soñando, fueled by a fiery rhythm section and high-octane horns. Coming from the Bronx is New York sensation, Alcion, and the always exciting to watch Manikkomio, as notable for their looks, their blend of merengue, and club-ready house.

The Hispanic Heritage celebration is Free and parking is available at the East Garage.

For more information call the OGS Special Events Office toll free at 1-(877) 659-4ESP or visit our website at www.empirestateplaza.org.