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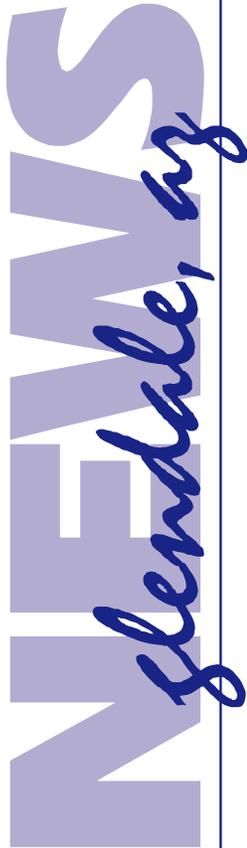
## **GLENDALE CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WITH ANNUAL EVENT SEPTEMBER 16**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The city of Glendale is inviting the community to its Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon on Sept. 16 in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event is sponsored by the city's Hispanic Network, an employee organization committed to promote cultural awareness and professional development. The national recognition of Hispanic Heritage was first observed in 1968 when Congress designated a week to celebrate the culture. In 1988, Congress expanded the celebration to a month. National Hispanic Heritage Month is now celebrated annually between September 15 to October 15. This period was selected because many Latin American countries celebrate their independence during this month.

The Glendale Hispanic Network is proud to present Armando Flores as the keynote speaker for this event. Flores is the Director of Operations and Community Relations for Arizona State University and is a member of the Sun Devil baseball program. Prior to joining ASU, Flores worked his way up the corporate ladder to attain the position of Executive Vice President of Corporate Business for Arizona Public Service Company, a position which he held from 1998 until his retirement in 2008. He has held several civic board positions and has been recognized by many organizations for his lifelong commitment to civic endeavors, diversity and particularly for his efforts to make a college education a reality for many at-risk youths.

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Flores believes that Arizona's future depends on developing Arizona's workforce through partnerships between businesses and educators that facilitate accessibility to a quality education for all. Thanks to the work of Flores and other individuals, the ACE (Achieving a College Education) program achieved great success at South Mountain and Glendale Community Colleges and was eventually expanded to all Maricopa Community Colleges and now draws students from high schools throughout the Valley.

The Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. Doors will open for registration at 11 a.m. Individual tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 per table. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Maria Villasano at 623-930-2494 or call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, Sept. 8.

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