



Mexico's Deputy Consul Sylvia Cabrera Visits Airway Heights Corrections Center – Transcript

Sylvia Cabrera: Good morning to all of you and thank you for the introduction and for making it possible for us to be here today celebrating.

I would like to give a special thanks to Superintendent James Key, all his amazing staff that work along with us all year round and William Lucas who was an amazing support for us to be able to be here today. Also to the inmates and their families for giving us to opportunity of celebrating our Hispanic heritage together today.

Culture is nurtured through diversity. We're here today to celebrate and more importantly to share our culture. Learning about others not only inspires creativity but also awareness of who we are and how we can improve our lives and strive to be better.

Our culture is rich, not only in content and meaning, it enshrines values that we share and promote. Inclusiveness, solidarity, integrity, and respect.

Many important ancient civilizations, true to these values, flourished in the region known as Mesoamerica, which is Middle America, extending from northern Mexico and extending throughout Central America. All these cultures developed complex societies and a wide variety of expressions. From architecture to dance, astronomy to music, and some of those representations will be shared with us today.

In this spirit, the collaboration and trust we have built with authorities in Washington state is a clear reflection of the strong ties between Mexico and the United States. To celebrate those ties, our friends from Rain City Time Machine are here with us as a clear example of how our differences are not an obstacle for us understanding each other. Furthermore they make us stronger. This is the goal to be united in diversity and solidarity in adversity.