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Miami Beach Hosts Simón Bolívar y Las Americas Day Celebration

— This year's ceremony on July 20 will highlight Bolivia's independence —

Miami Beach, FL – Join the City of Miami Beach for its fifth annual celebration of Simón Bolívar y Las Americas Day on **Thursday, July 20, 2023** at **10 a.m.** Bolivar was born on July 24, 1783 in Caracas, Venezuela and his accomplishments are celebrated throughout Latin America.

"Simon Bolivar was a great statesman and soldier whose writings and actions ignited Latin America's thirst for independence from Spanish rule," explained Chairwoman Rosary Plana Falero of the Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee.

"El Libertador" as he is known in Spanish (The Liberator) played a central role in the South American independence movement. His efforts set forth the creation of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Peru.

The Miami Beach ceremony will take place at Bolivar's Miami Beach monument in Collins Park and will be followed by cafecito.

The monument, which is located at **21 Street and Collins Avenue**, commemorates Bolívar's courageous effort. The festivities will include an invocation and wreath-laying ceremony from the Office of the Mayor and Commission. Every year, the Miami Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee highlights a country Bolivar helped become independent. This year's ceremony will honor the experience of Bolivia, which gets its name from Bolivar.

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WHAT: Simón Bolívar y Las Americas Day WHEN: Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Simón Bolívar monument at 21 Street and Collins Avenue

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