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Miami Beach and the Consul General of Mexico Celebrate Benito Juárez Day

— A joint ceremony will be held on March 21 in Collins Park —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach and Consulate General of Mexico in Miami will celebrate Mexican revolutionary hero and former president Benito Juárez during a ceremony on **Thursday, March 21 at 4 p.m.** in collaboration with the city’s Hispanic Affairs Committee.

The celebration will take place in **Collins Park at 21 Street and Collins Avenue** by the permanent, 2-foot bronze bust of Juarez, which was gifted to the city by Mexico’s government last year.

“Benito Juárez is considered one of the most highly regarded presidents in Mexico’s history,” explained Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak. “More than 150 years after his death, the Mexican people still refer to him as hero of the Americas.”

Juárez led a liberal political and social revolution in Mexico during the 1800s. The Mexican statesman later defeated Maximilian of Austria who sought to rule the nation of Mexico. His legacy was the reform laws that gave rise to secular education as well as freedom of religion.

“It is an honor that Mexico is present with the figure of Benito Juárez, who was a tireless defender of equal rights for all people without distinction of origin, race or color,” shared Consul General of Mexico in Miami Eliel Campuzano. “Equality that is such lived without a doubt here in the emblematic City of Miami Beach, where diversity, plurality, and freedom of expression are recognized.”

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