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## **City of Dallas Departments to Participate in the 198th Anniversary of the Mexican Independence at Historic Pike Park**

The City of Dallas is pleased to announce its participation in the 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of “Diez y Seis” Mexican Independence Celebration to be held at Pike Park (2807 Harry Hines Blvd.) on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6 p.m. The City of Dallas Park and Recreation Department as well as the Pike Park Preservation League will be hosting the two-day event. City of Dallas officials and Mexican Consulate representatives will participate in the official program immediately following the “Diez y Seis” parade which will begin at 11 a.m. at the Guadalupe Cathedral on Ross Ave.

Since the 1930s city owned Pike Park has been Dallas’ traditional site for this celebration. The festival will feature delicious Mexican food and game booths, music, along with performances by ballet folklórico dancers, and local artists during the two-day event.

Several City of Dallas departments will have booths or displays to focus on customer service and representatives will provide important information on city services, programs and events to the residents of Dallas in both English and Spanish.

Juanita Valdez, Pike Park Preservation League president said, “Our main goal is to provide \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students. We invite everyone to participate in this family oriented event, especially children, so that they may enjoy the cultural festivities and traditions left to us by our parents and grandparents.” A crowd of about 3,000 plus is expected during the “Diez y Seis” celebration which is the 198<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mexican Independence. Proceeds from the festival will be used for restoration of this historic facility, to enhance existing programs and provide scholarships to high school students. Admission to the festival is FREE and open to the public.