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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ON
CITY OF LOS ANGELES' 225th BIRTHDAY**

On Monday, September 4, in addition to the observance of Labor Day, I invite all Angelenos to be a part of the celebration of Los Angeles' 225th Birthday at Olvera Street.

Our great City of Los Angeles is a multicultural mecca. Its ethnic diversity and rich traditions make it a center for artistic expression and vitality.

On Monday, you can participate in a great tradition by walking the nine-mile route of the first settlers of Los Angeles, who traveled by foot from the San Gabriel Mission to found this city, El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles.

At Lincoln Park, you can join the walkers from San Gabriel for a shorter, three-mile route to El Pueblo, to be kicked off by a performance of taiko drumming, a Japanese musical art.

At Olvera Street, you can listen to a Tongvan female vocal group, dance to a Latin jazz band, hear a gospel choir, and experience traditional Aztec dancing.

The 225th Birthday Celebration promises to be a true celebration of the history and great diversity of this City.

I invite all Angelenos to be a part of this exciting and important day.