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Acting Governor Guadagno Kicks Off Peruvian Independence Day Parade

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Annual Parade Marks 194th Anniversary of Peruvian Independence with Three-Town Parade

Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today joined Peruvian Parade, Inc. and the communities of Paterson, Clifton and Passaic to kick off the organization's annual Peruvian Independence Day Parade.

"Our Peruvian-American community is an important part of the fabric of our state and adds to the rich diversity that makes New Jersey such a great place to live," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "At today's parade, local residents and visitors from across the state and region can share in Peruvian culture and heritage through music, food and dance. Congratulations to all, and happy Independence Day."

Peruvian Parade, Inc. was founded by Peruvian immigrants in 1986 to raise awareness of Peruvian culture through a parade and festival and through fundraising for charity projects in Peru and the United States. The 6.5 mile parade starts in Passaic and travels through Clifton before ending in Paterson. The Parade draws approximately 100,000 attendees from across the state and region and showcases Peruvian music, food, dance and more.

Peru, colonized by Spain in the 15th century, declared its independence on July 28, 1821. Full independence was finally achieved in 1824, following the Battle of Ayacucho under the leadership of Simon Bolivar and Jose San Martin.

Photos from today's event are available here.

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