



CITY OF TUCSON

NEWS RELEASE

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CEREMONY OF FLAGS MARKS TUCSON'S 239TH BIRTHDAY

The five flags that have flown over Tucson – American, Spanish, Mexican, Confederate, and the State of Arizona – will be presented in a ceremony to celebrate Tucson's 239th birthday. The Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe flags also will be presented, as will a replica of the 28-star American flag that was brought by the Mormon Battalion and flown over Tucson on December 16, 1846.

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Time: 5:30 p.m. – Music by Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos de Tucson

6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. – Presentation of Flags, Proclamations and reading Hugo O'Conor letter

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Serving Birthday Cake

Place: Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Courtyard (SW corner of Church Avenue and Washington Street)

The ceremony will include an invocation, signing of a joint proclamation by distinguished guests, reading Hugo O'Conor's letter designating Tucson as the site of a new presidio, the honor guard presentation and music. The flags will then be retired to close the ceremony. Those attending are encouraged to dress in "period" costumes and sample a piece of the Tucson's birthday cake. Tucson's birthday celebration was begun by the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission in 1975 and continues today. The Presidio San Agustín del Tucson location is the interpretive center on the site of Tucson's original adobe-walled presidio.

For information, call Marty McCune, Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission, at 437-5355. For questions on ADA accommodations and accessibility for this event, call Sandra Fata or Alma Murrieta, City Clerk's Office, at 791-4213.

Additional information: Parking is available at various locations; fees may apply. For additional information, go online to <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parkwise>.

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