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**The 36th Annual Rhode Island Heritage Day Festival
has been scheduled for**

Saturday, September 14, 2013
Roger Williams National Memorial,
282 North Main St., Providence, RI
Noon to Dusk

Rain date: Sunday, September 15, 2013.

“Travel around the world in a day”

Admission to this family event is **FREE**

Rhode Islanders of all ages are invited to join in a lively celebration of our state's rich cultural heritage. The Roger Williams National Memorial (North Main St) will be filled with booths from countries such as Ecuador, India, Korea, France and others that will showcase their culture, music, and dance.

The RIHPHC committees with RISCA (RI State Council on the Arts), the Dorcas International Institute of RI's (DIIRI) *Welcoming America's Welcoming RI* initiative plan to celebrate peace, diversity and the rich ethnic cultures in the state of Rhode Island.

The booths will have cultural exhibits and display craft demonstrations from all over the world. The food court will have a mouth-watering array of traditional foods and drinks. The children's area will have The Peace Flag Project, face painting and arts and craft.

A parade of international flags representing over 20 countries will start off the day. Dancers and musicians from various countries dressed in native and colorful costumes will perform Saturday afternoon.

We are part of the RI Latino CommUNITY Celebration and DIIRI's *Welcoming Rhode Island* initiative.

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is the state office for historic preservation and heritage programs. The Commission is responsible for developing and carrying out programs to document, support, and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Rhode Island's people. The Commission is also Rhode Island's statewide historic preservation program, which identifies and protects historic buildings, districts, and archaeological sites.