

# *Adelante of Suffolk County Cultural & Civic Events Inc.*

## **43rd Annual Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade**

**Sunday, June 7th, 2009  
12:00 Noon-Rain or Shine**

### **RULES FOR PARTICIPATION**

1. All participants must identify with Puerto Rican or Hispanic heritage, culture and pride, with the exception of other participants representing other cultures.
2. Float design and marching contingent must be described at time of application. **Floats must have a railing at least 30" high.** Do not overload with passengers.
3. All floats must have some type of music, live or recorded.
4. All participants must reflect a respect for general public decency and moral values.
5. The use of the Puerto Rican or other Hispanic flags as part of a costume or to decorate a float must be done in a respectable and dignified manner. Abstain from using flags that have been defaced with any type of drawing. **Let's show respect and pride in our flags.** We also request that everyone carry an American flag together with their country flag when marching.
6. Group leaders are responsible for assuring that each person in his or her group follows the rules concerning proper dress attire for the occasion. Wear clothing identifying your group. We encourage everyone to march in their country's traditional costume if possible, which will add beautiful colors to our parade. **SHORTS AND/OR SPANDEX PANTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.** Bring a supply of water for your group.
7. Everyone should march with a great sense of pride in an organized manner.
8. Participation applications must be postmarked no later than **May 11th.**
9. No political or electoral advertisement or signs may be displayed by any contingent.
10. Animals will not be permitted in the parade, no exceptions.
11. All participants must adhere to the instructions of Parade Coordinators during the parade.
12. The parade reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant for participation.
13. The parade or its designee may expel any participant on the day of the parade for cause including, but not limited to, failure to follow the directions of Parade Field Coordinators.
14. Any publicity materials to be distributed during the parade **must** be approved by Adelante before the day of the parade.
15. Objects cannot be thrown from the floats or vehicles to the spectators, **UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**, in order to prevent injury to anyone.
16. Commitment Letter must be read and signed by the group leader and returned to Adelante with the application.