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MAYOR SESSOMS TO PROCLAIM PERFORMANCE OF BALLET FOLKLÓRICO DE MÉXICO THE KICK-OFF EVENT FOR YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION OF MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) Before the performance of the renowned **Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández** on **Tuesday, February 23, 2010** at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, Mayor William D. Sessoms of Virginia Beach will **read and present a proclamation** to the **Consul of Mexico, the Hon. Anibal Gómez**. The proclamation will mark the start of **Mexico's official year-long celebration** of the **Bicentennial of Mexican Independence** and the **Centennial of the Mexican Revolution**, which includes an extensive program of events across Mexico and the United States. All Mexicans and foreign citizens alike are invited to participate in these events, learn about Mexico's past, and celebrate this significant historical milestone.

Mexico's War of Independence began in 1810, and was one of the longest in Latin America, lasting 11 years. Between 1910 and 1920, a period known as the Mexican Revolution, leaders like Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata fought to transform the social, cultural, and autocratic political betting tips system that had been established by the 34-year long reign of Mexican President, Porfirio Díaz.

For tickets to attend the performance of Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández, call 1-888-3-COXTIX, visit www.coxtix.com, or visit the Sandler Center Box Office. Single tickets start at \$27. Group discounts available.

For a complete schedule of performances, visit www.sandlercenter.org

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