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**Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs Supports
Summit on the State of Latinos in Berks County**

READING – Norman Bristol Colón, executive director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs (GACLA), today announced the first-ever Summit on the Status of Latinos in Berks County and commended Councilman Angel Figueroa, GACLA Commissioner Guadalupe Rivera, National Motivational Speaker Carlos Ojeda, Jr. and other members of the Reading and Berks community for organizing this important event.

Councilman Figueroa said: "Reading has seen an incredible demographic transformation. Over 60% of the student population in our city's school district is Latino. We must work collaboratively to support our community and create new opportunities."

The goal of the summit is to address issues impacting the health, educational, social, economical and political status of Latinos in the region. Invited participants will engage in one day working sessions, workshops, panels and a closing plenary. This local community event will address the following tracks: education; economic development; and, health and social services. Bristol Colón is the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

EVENT: Summit on the Status of Latinos in Berks County

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2005

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall - City of Reading - 815 Washington St, Reading PA