

207 Anniversary of Benito Juarez

Benito Juarez was born in **San Pablo Guelatao, Oaxaca, on March 21, 1806.**

He was descendant of indigenous Zapotec people. He became a lawyer graduated from the **Institute of Science and Arts of Oaxaca in 1833.**

He held several public offices in his home state: **Alderman, local representative, Civil Judge, Secretary of Government and in 1847 he became Governor of his state.**



At the Juarez Monument

- The President, Enrique Peña Nieto, today hosted the "207 Anniversary of the birth of Benito Juarez".
- At the Juarez Hemicycle Monument in Mexico City, President Enrique Peña Nieto mounted a guard of honor accompanied by the head of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, Juan Silva Meza, and by the president of the Board of the Senate, Ernesto Cordero, and other members of his cabinet.
- After President Enrique Peña Nieto signed the book of distinguished visitors.
- During the ceremony, President Enrique Peña Nieto stressed the perseverance and work of Benito Juarez, and said his work continues to inspire millions of people.

In 1853, following differences with Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna he exiled himself to the United States. **In the following year, he joined the Plan of Ayutla and after his victory he was appointed Secretary of Justice.**

In **1857** he was elected **President of the Supreme Court**, position he held until December of that year, when he took over the **Presidency of Mexico.**

Until his death in 1872, he would lead the government over the historical stages of the **Reform War, the French Intervention, the Second Empire and the Restoration of the Republic.**

Because of his profound legacy, he is known as the "Benemérito de las Américas" (the meritorious one of the Western Hemisphere).

Precinct of Honor to Benito Juarez

On July 18, 1957 was created by **presidential decree the Precinct of Honor to Don Benito Juarez, on the occasion of the 100 anniversary of the 1857 Mexican Constitution.** This Exhibition recalls the glories of this famous Mexican against the French intervention and the Empire of Maximilian of Habsburg.

The precinct was built in the north wing of the National Palace, where President Juarez had chosen his dwelling after the Restoration of the Republic in July 1867 and continued there until his death on July 18, 1872.

This Precinct of Honor **was open to the public between 1957 and 1993**, which closed for restoration. **To celebrate the 126 anniversary of the death of the Benemérito in 1998 was reopened again at its headquarters in the National Palace.**

Moreover, the collection of historical objects displaying the Campus was formed with authentic pieces that belonged to Juarez and donated to his family by descendants and admirers.

Highlights

- **"Among individuals, as among nations, peace is the respect of others' rights"** principle Mexico's relations with other countries, issued by Benito Juarez.

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