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**PORT FREEPORT CELEBRATES WORLD BANANA DAY**

**Freeport, TX (April 25, 2019)** - On April 17, 2019, Port Freeport employees celebrated World Banana Day and the significance of the fresh fruit industry at the Port with a banana-themed dessert competition. Dole Fresh Fruit, Inc. donated boxes of DOLE Premium Bananas for the event and a representative from Chiquita, Delores Garcia, joined the panel of judges to help decide which dish was the “best of the bunch” while Port employees sampled each of the desserts.

Port Freeport has partnered with Dole since 1983 and Chiquita since 1995. With Dole and Chiquita combined, over 1.5 billion bananas travel through Port Freeport every year heading to grocery stores throughout the United States. Bananas are the most popular fruit in America with the average American eating an approximately 27 pounds of bananas per person every year.

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