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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
A PROCLAMATION

Freedom of the Press Day

WHEREAS, the Ninth General Assembly of the Inter-American Press Association, held in Mexico on October 1953, resolved to institute in America the seventh day of June of each year as Freedom of the Press Day;

WHEREAS, every genuinely democratic government should further and guarantee the broadest freedom of expression and criticism as a means of defense of its own democratic being;

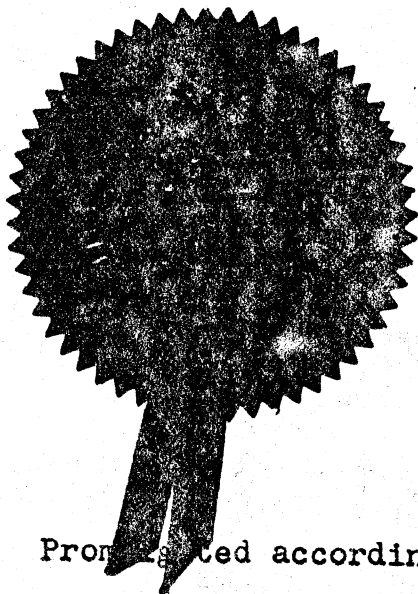
WHEREAS, the Government of Puerto Rico, in keeping with its profound democratic nature, has always distinguished itself for its concern in enhancing and guaranteeing freedom of the press in its broadest extent;

WHEREAS, such concern is reflected in the constitutional guarantees enjoyed by the Press and in the sound practices of the people and the Government in this respect;

WHEREAS, a free and responsible press, conscious that its duties will constitute the moral justification of the practically unlimited rights accorded to it by democracy, is indispensable to the sound functioning of a democratic society;

WHEREAS, the social value of freedom of the press requires a constant effort to surpass the informational standards and practices of the Government and of the press, as well as an ever alert demand on the part of the public for such surpassing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim June 7 as Freedom of the Press Day, and urge the public, the press and the Government to think on the importance of freedom of the press to our community, and to make every effort for intensifying its usefulness in guiding public opinion.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the GREAT SEAL of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in the City of San Juan, this fourth day of June, A.D. one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Proclaimed according to law, June 4, 1954.

ADOLFO PORRATA DORIA
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