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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Citizenship Day, 1956

WHEREAS, the 17th. day of September, anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, is devoted to the rededication of every citizen to the attitudes and duties of good citizenship;

WHEREAS, September 17th. also marks the anniversary of the opening of the Constituent Assembly of Puerto Rico, which created the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico within the terms of its association with the United States;

WHEREAS, the Puerto Ricans, upholding with pride the citizenship of the United States as well as the citizenship of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, carried with the affection on it bestowed by our tradition, our customs, our cultural personality;

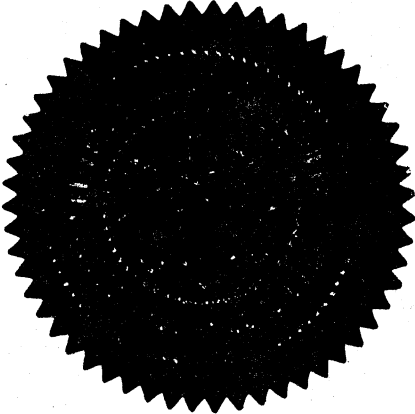
WHEREAS, in both citizenships of the Puerto Ricans a time-tested love for democracy, a deep respect for human rights and a strong determination for peace and civilization are united;

WHEREAS, the citizenship of the United States is also distinguished by its special devotion to the free expression of productive individual activity;

WHEREAS, the citizenship of Puerto Rico is also prominent for its special acknowledgment of the respect and indorsement that social values deserve;

WHEREAS, the qualities and virtues of both citizenships, in mutual harmonious enrichment, will serve as an example for an archetype of Puerto Rican and for a way of civilized life in the free association of the present and the future among peoples of different cultures and similar ideals of freedom.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim next Monday, the 17th. day of September, 1956, as Citizenship Day, and I invite all my fellow citizens, in both official and private circles that, to the utmost of their ability, they divulge and explain the principles embodied in the citizenships of the United States and of Puerto Rico, and in the noble and free association of both peoples, and that they honor the attitudes of dedication to freedom and to justice to which all of us consecrate this day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
unto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the Common-
wealth of Puerto Rico to be
affixed, at the City of San
Juan, this 14th. day of Sep-
tember, A.D., nineteen hundred
and fifty-six.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 14th. day of September, 1956.

(Sgd.) ADOLFO PORRATA DORIA
Acting Assistant Secretary of State