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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Day of Equal Opportunity for All, 1960

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico provides that the democratic way of life is fundamental for the development of the Puerto Rican community;

WHEREAS, we Puerto Ricans consider as determining factors in our life the continuous aspiration of enriching our democratic heritage through the individual and collective enjoyment of the rights and privileges of all; and reaffirm our devotion to the values of the individual, regardless of race, creed, or economic or social standing;

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico is proud to consider itself free of prejudice, while considering prejudice to be a constant threat in the life of all peoples;

WHEREAS, we should be on guard against any symptom of discrimination because discrimination is foreign to the ideals of the Puerto Rican people, as regards their feeling that all men deserve equal opportunities, in the dignity bestowed on them by their Creator;

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1960, the 97th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, the National Urban League will concentrate its attention on positive efforts to assure fair and equal treatment for all citizens of the American nation, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we Puerto Ricans designate a date to remind us that the greatness of our Commonwealth and of the American Nation rests upon the principle of equal opportunity for all;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim November 19, 1960 as the Day of Equal Opportunity for All, and I urge all my fellow citizens to do everything within their means to forward this worthy cause, so that all of us American citizens may understand and appreciate the great advantages of our democratic way of life and accept the responsibilities necessary for preserving our freedom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to be affixed, at the City of San Juan, this 14th day of November, A.D. nineteen hundred and sixty.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 14th day of November, 1960.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY
Assistant Secretary of State