

San Juan, September 16, 1954

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Citizenship Day, 1954

WHEREAS, September 17th, anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, is an occasion for rededication of each citizen to the attitudes and responsibilities of good citizenship;

WHEREAS, September 17th is also 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, Puerto Ricans, having voluntarily adopted the citizenship of the United States and upholding it with pride, likewise established in our own Constitution the citizenship of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in which we take pride, founded as it is on our tradition, our customs, our cultural personality;

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

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

WHEREAS, the citizenship of Puerto Rico is distinguished by its special recognition of the respect and adherence that social values deserve;

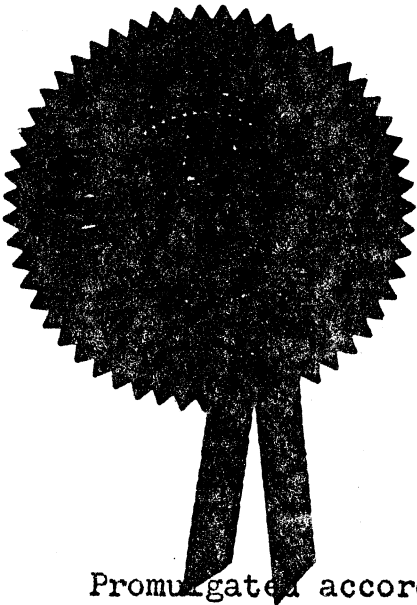
WHEREAS, the qualities and virtues of both citizenships, in mutual harmonious enrichment, may serve as an example for an archetype of Puerto Rican and for a way of civilized life in the free association of the present and future among peoples of different cultures and similar ideals of liberty;

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THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim next Friday, September 17, 1954, as Citizenship Day, and invite all my fellow citizens in official circles as well as private individuals that, to the utmost of their ability, they spread abroad and explain the living, vital principles of citizenship in the United States and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the noble and free association of both peoples, and that they honor the day by acts of dedication to liberty and justice to which all of us consecrate this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-  
unto set my hand and caused  
to be affixed the Great Seal  
of the Commonwealth of Puerto  
Rico, at the City of San Juan,  
this 16th day of September,  
A. D., nineteen hundred and  
fifty-four.



(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN  
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 16th day of September, 1954.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY  
Assistant Secretary of State