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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Puerto Rican Crusade Against Cancer

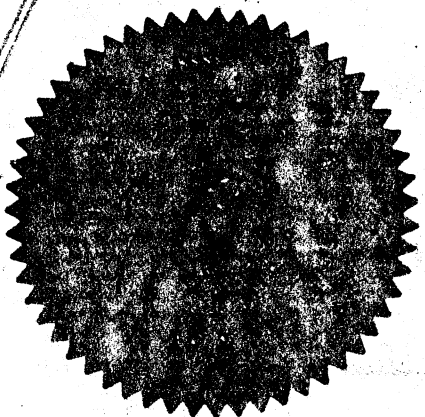
WHEREAS, a large number of citizens and professional and civic associations are greatly interested in organizing during 1955 a crusade to fight cancer by means of an intensive educational campaign that will reach the people through the coordinated action of the press, radio, television, the movies, lectures, posters and other means of information;

WHEREAS, the Puerto Rican Cancer Society has launched since 1938 an intensive educational campaign to those effects, and has furthermore established a hospital for the treatment and hospitalization of people of scant resources who suffer from this disease and can not be treated in other hospitals throughout the Island;

WHEREAS, the medical authorities have been able to prove that cancer is causing an ever increasing number of victims in Puerto Rico, and that the disease, if treated on time, is curable, for which reason an educational and adequate care campaign would be highly beneficial;

WHEREAS: Dr. Isaac González Martínez founded the Puerto Rican Cancer Society, and dedicated his profession and life to the service of said institution since 1938 up to the day of his death, which occurred on April 20, 1954, setting an unique example of struggle, devotion, sacrifice and service, for the good of humanity and of our people;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1955 as Month especially dedicated to Control Cancer, and I urge the Puerto Rican people to know and recognize the predominance of this disease, its advancing rate, the points indicating its presence, and the means to combat and treat it. I furthermore earnestly request the medical profession, all charity, social and civic organizations, the press, radio stations, the movie industry, television stations, and all persons interested in combating cancer, to coordinate their efforts for a successful educational program against this disease during the month of April, 1955; and I FURTHERMORE DESIGNATE the 20th. of April of this year for commemorating the anniversary of the death of Dr. Isaac González Martínez, which day shall be dedicated to the memory of such a distinguished public servant and to his excellent works.



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 10th. day of March,
A.D., nineteen hundred and
fifty-five.

(SGD.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 10th. day of March, 1955.

(SGD.) N. ALMIROTY
Assistant Secretary of State