

San Juan, September 9, 1955

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Week of the Book

WHEREAS, the Puerto Ricans have shown through their history a special dedication to the book, and generation after generation, they have dedicated themselves not only to the creation of their own bibliography, but also to the collection and conservation of the most outstanding works of human knowledge;

WHEREAS, one of the most praiseworthy practices of the Puerto Rican family has been and is the maintenance in each home of a small library containing works by Puerto Rican writers as well as by foreign writers, some of which have come to be true sources of bibliographical information to the community;

WHEREAS, it should be a common aim of the Puerto Rican people to promote literature, the development of the graphic arts, the establishment of printing houses, and the more wide diffusion of the book as a means of Puerto Rican expression and a means of university;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROBERTO SANCHEZ VILELLA, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, do hereby declare the week from October 21 to 27, 1955 as "The Week of the Book", and I urge the people of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth Government, and all cultural and civic institutions to organize a series of acts of recognition of the intellectuals of Puerto Rico and of the world, from the present as well as from the past, to emphasize the importance of the book in promoting the collective conscience, and to honor all those individuals and institutions who have dedicated themselves to develop our graphic arts related to the book.

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 9th. day of Sep-  
tember, A.D. nineteen hundred  
and fifty-five.

(Sgd.) ROBERTO SANCHEZ VILELLA  
Acting Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 9th. day of September, 1955.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY  
Assistant Secretary of State