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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

LEGAL AID MONTH

WHEREAS, equality before the Law is a fundamental principle of every democratic government system;

WHEREAS, the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico guaranty every individual within the territorial limits of Puerto Rico with equality before the Law;

WHEREAS, so that this equality before the Law may be a true reality for all individuals, it is necessary that they rely on the facilities to present their cases before the courts and to carry on their legal proceedings;

WHEREAS, there is still in Puerto Rico a great number of persons which, due to their financial condition, are unable to pay for the services of a lawyer when they are in need of same;

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of Puerto Rico has been organized to lend free legal aid to persons having a legal problem, of any kind whatsoever, and unable to pay for the services of a private lawyer or attorney;

WHEREAS, the Government of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Bar Association, conscious of their responsibility in this problem, have contributed with money to help defray in part the expenses of the Legal Aid Society, but it is necessary that the community contribute to complete the budget of the Society during its first year of existence;

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of Puerto Rico is at present carrying on their first public campaign to raise funds;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, proclaim the month of March, 1956 as the Month of Legal Aid, and to that effect: I urge all the good citizens of Puerto Rico, as well as all the local

public and private entities and groups, to give their utmost support to, and contribute generously with the Legal Aid Society of Puerto Rico so that it may carry out its program of free legal aid to all who may be in need of such service.

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 1st. day of March, A.D., nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(SGD.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 1st. day of March, 1956.

(SGD.) N. ALMIROTY
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