

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
LA FORTALEZA

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

1958 Day of Equal Opportunity for All

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

WHEREAS, we the Puerto Ricans consider as determinate factors in our life the continued aspirations of enriching our democratic heritage by the enjoyment, individual as well as collective, of the rights and privileges of every one; and the reaffirmation of our devotion to the worthiness of the individual, regardless of social, racial, religious or economic position;

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico is proud to consider itself free of prejudice, although it considers that prejudice is a constant threat in the lives of all peoples;

WHEREAS, we should guard against any discriminatory symptom, as such discrimination is foreign to the ideals of the Puerto Rican people in their feeling that all men have equal opportunity, in the dignity the Creator has bestowed on them;

WHEREAS, the National Urban League will, on November 19, 1958, on the 94th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, concentrate its attention towards positive efforts to assure just and equal treatment for all citizens of the American Nation, regardless of race, color, religion or origin; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we Puerto Ricans designate a day for remembering that the greatness of our Commonwealth and the American Nation is based 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, 1958 as the Day of Equal Opportunity for All, and I urge all my fellow citizens to do everything within their reach to develop this good cause, in such a way that all American citizens

understand and appreciate the great advantages of our democratic way of life, and to assume the necessary responsibilities 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 26th
day of August, A. D.,
nineteen hundred and fifty-
eight.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
 Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 26th day of August, 1958.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY
Assistant Secretary of State