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A PROCLAMATION

BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

NATIONAL GUARD DAY

WHEREAS, the Army and the Air National Guard shall celebrate on Sunday, February 21, 1960, National Guard Day throughout the continental United States and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, this traditional event affords an excellent opportunity to enhance the prestige of the organization, reminding the people of the spirit of voluntary service during times of peace that entrails the concept of the military perpetuated by the National Guard;

WHEREAS, on that day the members of the National Guard have the opportunity to render to the community, in a democratic way, a report on the state of alert in which its units are always maintained;

WHEREAS, the central theme of this year's celebration is the indication to the citizen that the "NATIONAL GUARD is constituted by American men always ready to act immediately, in any emergency";

WHEREAS, the National Guard helps the community in two ways: first, in case of natural disasters: floods, hurricanes, fires, etc., and secondly, by integrating an important sector of the total defense forces of the United States of America—a group of men fully trained to act immediately in any national emergency of war;

WHEREAS, such an organization, with men eager and trained to protect us all against the unexpected, devoting for that training their Sundays, the day during which the citizens generally rest, certainly deserves the recognition of the entire community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROBERTO SANCHEZ VILELLA, Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, hereby urge all my fellow-citizens of Puerto Rico and the continental United States living here, to join the celebration of the ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD DAY on Sunday, February 21, 1960 enhancing with their presence the acts to be held at the base of the AIR NATIONAL GUARD at the Isla Verde International Airport, or participating in the activities that the various units of the National Guard hold in their respective towns.

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