



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State's greatest asset is its mosaic of cultures, each of which adds to our strength, enrichment, and diversity; a thriving and active Puerto Rican population has a significant impact on the social and cultural fabric of our state, and the annual observance of Puerto Rican Heritage Month highlights the traditions and customs of the Puerto Rican community, as well as its accomplishments here in New York, across America, and in the homeland; and

Whereas, throughout the month of November, we take the opportunity to recognize the contributions our statewide Puerto Rican communities make to the social, cultural, and economic development of our state and nation, building upon the proud legacy of previous generations who came to New York from Puerto Rico and established strong foundations of life in the neighborhoods of New York City as well as regions across our state; many economic, social, and educational resources, places of worship, and other institutions are a testimony to the dedication of the Puerto Rican people who excel in all areas of endeavor – business and industry, arts and culture, science and technology, athletics, and public service; and

Whereas, New York State has a strong association with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico built upon a longstanding friendship and recognizes the devastating impact of Hurricane Fiona, which struck the island this past September; we are inspired by the extraordinary strength, courage, and determination shown by the people of Puerto Rico in rising above the difficulties and challenges of this and other natural disasters to rebuild and restore their lives; and

Whereas, since this storm, New York State has extended ongoing support, supplies, and relief to our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico and, in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona, we have deployed additional resources to its government, including an Emergency Operations Center Support Team to assist with the management, direction, control, and coordination of response and recovery actions, as well as donated food and water supplies; we also continue our support through the partnership established last year among disaster mental health professionals in New York State and Puerto Rico to develop programs in mental health training, services, and preparedness that will provide wide-ranging assistance to Puerto Rico and its people in times of emergency; and

Whereas, the entire family of New Yorkers stands with our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico, knowing they will rebuild a stronger island for future generations who will add to a long and proud history; during this observance of Puerto Rican Heritage Month, we offer a special expression of gratitude for the many communities that thrive across New York State and thank our Puerto Rican friends, neighbors, and community leaders for the significant contributions they have made and continue to make to this great state and nation;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

PUERTO RICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this ninth day of
November in the year two thousand twenty-two.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
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