

Declaration of Hispanic Organizations in Support of Puerto Rican Self-Determination

For Congressional
Legislation

Authorizing Self-
Determination for
Puerto Rico by the

Undersigned
Organizations of the
National Hispanic
Community

Alianza Dominicana
American GI Forum
Cuban America National Council
Dialogue on Diversity
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility
Hispanic National Bar Association
Hispanic Organizations Leadership Alliance
Latino Civil Rights Task Force
League of United Latin American Citizens
National Association for Bilingual Education
National Association of Hispanic Associations

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In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we call on Congress to grant the 3.9 million U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico the opportunity to gain permanent political status by a process of self-determination. We hold that:

- Puerto Ricans aspire to a peaceful and democratic process to express their legitimate aspirations within a Congressionally approved framework.
- Self-determination is a fundamental right of democracy, essential to the pursuit of political, social and economic equality.
- By their military service, Puerto Ricans deserve to have their voices heard. (200,000 in uniform, 6,220 wounded and 1,225 killed to defend our Constitution)

We commend the supporters of this process. We urge the Senate leadership to fulfill its responsibility to promote the rights of all citizens by enacting Puerto Rican self-determination legislation during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

National Association of Hispanic Publications
National Hispanic Council on Aging
National Hispanic Policy Forum
National Puerto Rican Bar Association
National Puerto Rican Forum
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
Puerto Rican American American Foundation
Puerto Rican Federal Affairs Administration
Republican National Assembly
Southwestern Voter Institute
U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
U.S. - Mexico Chamber of Commerce

Puerto Rico LULAC
New Mexico LULAC
Michigan LULAC
Iowa LULAC
LULAC Council # 10
LULAC Council # 7063
LULAC Council # 316
LULAC Council # 4607
LULAC Council # 272

