

(H. B. 236)

**(No. 51)**

(Approved August 13, 2005)

**AN ACT**

To commemorate and observe October 16 of each year as the “World Food Day“ in Puerto Rico, and to establish an awareness campaign on the world food problem, which concerns the world, and strengthen our solidarity in the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

**STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

“The World Food Day,” was proclaimed in 1979 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations with the purpose of heightening public awareness of the world food problem and strengthening solidarity in the fight against hunger, malnutrition, and poverty.

More than 150 countries observe this date every year. In the United States, 450 volunteer and private organizations sponsor the “World Food Day.” In 2002, the “World Food Day of 2002” pointed out the essential role of water in the sustainable production of food resources for a constantly growing world population.

Food is essential for the survival and well-being of humanity and a fundamental human need. However, millions of persons on our planet face the hard situation of being malnourished. Therefore, the Legislature of Puerto Rico shall sponsor activities to promote participation in the fight against hunger.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:**

Section 1.- October 16 of each year shall be observed as the “World Food Day” in Puerto Rico.

Section 2.- The Governor of Puerto Rico, through a proclamation, shall exhort the People of Puerto Rico to ponder and take action on the world food problem, which concerns the world, and to strengthen solidarity in the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

Section 3.- All administrative agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with the Departments of Agriculture and Health, which shall be in charge of disclosing and implementing an awareness campaign to promote solutions for the hunger and malnutrition problem.

Section 4.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 51 (H.B. 236) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 14<sup>th</sup> of October of 2005.

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