

(S.B. 614)

(No. 142)

(Approved August 2, 2006)

AN ACT

To declare the first Friday of March of each year as the “Registrars and Admissions Officers of All Post Secondary Educational Institutions of Puerto Rico Day.”

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The goal of post secondary education is the integral development and expansion of knowledge. College enrollment in both the public and private level has increased in the last few years, mainly women’s enrollment. On the other hand, according to the 2000 Census, approximately eight point two (8.2) percent of women and five point nine (5.9) percent of men twenty-five years or more have obtained an associate degree.

Certainly, registration offices provide a series of support services, essential for our students. Furthermore, Registration offices are the threshold that youths and adults who decide to assume the challenge of a post secondary education go through. In fact, the officers of said offices have been entrusted with the delicate task of documenting the passing of students through educational institutions, meeting all safeguards of reliability and privacy. They also play the main role in the operations thereof.

These devoted officers need a dynamic and receptive personality that allows them to address the situations faced by students on a daily basis, and to be always at their service to find immediate administrative solutions, whether these are simple or difficult. In addition, their functions go beyond

administrative functions, even to tactfully manage the issues of the student community, as well as those of the faculty members.

Registrars and admissions officers have organized under the Puerto Rican Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers, a nonprofit organization affiliated to the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which represents this group of professionals. Its main purpose is to foster the development and professionalization of Registration and Admissions Offices of all post secondary educational institutions of Puerto Rico.

The declaration of this day shall recognize the importance of these offices in the life of every post secondary student and the laudable function of these professionals. At the same time, it is provided for these professionals to continue having a positive impact on our students and encouraging them to remain studying and achieve their goals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- The first Friday of March of each year is hereby declared as the “Registrars and Admissions Officers of all post secondary educational institutions of Puerto Rico Day.”

Section 2.- The Governor, by proclamation, shall annually exhort the People of Puerto Rico to show their gratitude and render a well-deserved homage to these officers for their valuable contribution in the field of education.

Section 3.- The Secretary of State and the President of the Higher Education Council are hereby authorized to obtain the cooperation of the different departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for the celebration of said day.

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. 142 (S.B. 614) of the 3rd Session of the 15th 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 2nd of November of 2006.

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