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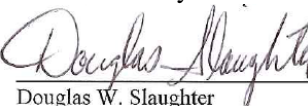
PUERTO RICAN DAY PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Christopher Columbus arrived in Puerto Rico on November 19, 1493; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico was colonized by Juan Ponce De Leon and his crew from Spain in 1508; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico became a possession of the United States of America as a result of the Spanish American War in 1898; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Ricans became citizens of the United States of America in 1917; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has participated in the defense of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico became the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 1952; and
- WHEREAS,** The residents of the island of Puerto Rico have contributed much to the rich history of the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** The residents of Amherst wish to express our concern to the inhabitants of the island of Puerto Rico, having withstood the ravages of Hurricane Maria, leaving thousands without power or access to food, potable water and medication, and offer our support to the families evacuating to the Town of Amherst.

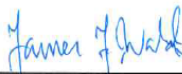
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Select Board of Amherst, officially proclaim November as

PUERTO RICAN MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto voted and set our hands this thirtieth day of October, 2017.



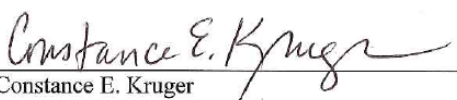
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