

A Florida Senator's Proclamation

By Senator Detert

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*A Proclamation recognizing November 2009 as
"Discovery of Puerto Rico Month in Florida."*

WHEREAS, Puerto Rico was discovered on November 19, 1493, by Christopher Columbus, and is celebrating the 516th anniversary of its discovery in November, and

WHEREAS, Puerto Ricans hold a special place in history of the United States and our great state, and

WHEREAS, Puerto Rican men and women have played a prominent role in fields such as space, medicine, technology, science, and mathematics, and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the contributions of Puerto Ricans to Florida's rich diversity, dynamic culture, and economic prosperity, and

WHEREAS, the Florida's Puerto Rican community has grown to more than 1 million persons and is exercising a strong influence on the economy of our state, and

WHEREAS, "Discovery of Puerto Rico Month" honors all Puerto Ricans who served, fought for, and worked to make the United States of America what it is today with celebrations and commerce, NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Senator Nancy C. Detert of Florida Senate District 23, do hereby recognize the month of November 2009 as "Discovery of Puerto Rico Month" in Florida.

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