

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, throughout our nation's history, Hispanic-Americans serving in the United States Armed Forces have demonstrated courage, heroism, and valor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Borinqueneers," is a Puerto Rican regiment of the United States Army; and,

**WHEREAS**, the regiment's motto is *Honor et Fidelitas*, which is Latin for Honor and Fidelity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment began as a volunteer regiment in 1899 and participated in WW1, WW11, and the Korean War; and,

**WHEREAS**, over the span of WW1, WW11, and the Korean War, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment earned ten Distinguished Service Crosses, 258 Silver Stars, 628 Bronze Stars, over 2,7000 Purple Hearts, and many other individual awards; and,

**WHEREAS**, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today can be attributed in part to the service and sacrifice given by members of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment throughout the history of our great nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the sacrifices made by the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment and of the families who support them have preserved the liberties that enrich our nation, but are all too often taken for granted; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment promoted equal citizenship, civil rights, and helped pave the way for full integration of the United States Armed Forces; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment who returned to civilian life have gone on to achieve great success as businessman, lawyers, doctors, educators, bankers, and political leaders; and,

**THEREFORE**, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2013 as **65<sup>th</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT DAY** in Illinois, and urge all citizens to show their appreciation for the faithful service the Borinqueneers have rendered to our nation.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,*

*this* FIFTEENTH *day of* JUNE *, in*

*the Year of Our Lord two thousand and*

THIRTEEN *, and of the State of Illinois*

*the one hundred and* NINETY-FIFTH

*Dee Dee White*

*Pat Quinn*