

# CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PA.



## Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, mandated by an Act of Congress on March 2, 1899, the **65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** was the only Hispanic-segregated unit ever in the United States Armed Forces that played a prominent role in three United States wars; and

WHEREAS, the military achievements of the **65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** came during the Korean War where the unit participated in nine major campaigns and earned two Presidential Unit Citations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 **65<sup>th</sup> Infantry** soldiers were wounded including over seven hundred killed. Over the span of World War I, World War II and the Korean War, individual members have earned ten Distinguished Service Crosses, 258 Silver Stars, 628 Bronze Stars and over 2700 Purple Hearts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED PAWLOWSKI, Mayor of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, recognize the commitment and valor of the **65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment** known as the "**The Borinqueneers**" and invite all our citizens to extend best wishes and support to these brave individuals and do furthermore hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 2, 2013 as

### **65<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY REGIMENT "THE BORINQUENEERS" APPRECIATION DAY IN ALLENTOWN**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Ed Pawlowski

