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It is my pleasure to express the Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s sincere appreciation and gratitude for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health. The Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc. is a nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to celebrating, preserving, and promoting Puerto Rican heritage while advancing community engagement, education, and wellness throughout the City of Newark and surrounding areas. For more than six decades, our organization has served as a trusted platform for cultural pride, civic participation, and community connection.

Our mission aligns closely with RWJBarnabas Health's commitment to building stronger, healthier communities. While the Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc. is not a healthcare provider, the communities we serve often experience social, economic, and health-related challenges that directly affect overall well-being. For more than five years, RWJBarnabas Health's support has strengthened our ability to address these needs by integrating health education, access to resources, and community outreach into our parade, festival, and year-round programming. Through this partnership, thousands of families, youth, and seniors are reached annually in culturally trusted spaces where information and services can be delivered effectively.

Our longstanding relationship with RWJBarnabas Health has been collaborative, dependable, and deeply meaningful. This support has enabled our organization to expand programming, increase participation, and maintain the operational capacity necessary to deliver large-scale community events that incorporate health awareness and preventive education. The funding that supports this partnership plays a critical role in ensuring that these initiatives remain accessible, inclusive, and impactful for the communities we serve.

Without this essential funding, our ability to incorporate health-focused programming, provide community-based resources, and reach thousands of residents would be significantly diminished. These resources are vital to sustaining programming that addresses health awareness, education, and engagement within underserved communities.

We express our sincere appreciation for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health and value the continued investment that allows organizations like ours to support healthier, more informed, and more connected communities across New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Griselle Ponce
President

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