

Puerto Ricans to Parade On Special 'Day' Sunday

Gov. Dempsey has designated Sunday as Connecticut Puerto Rican Day.

The office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in Hartford and Puerto Rican organizations throughout Connecticut are sponsoring a parade and meeting in Hartford that day.

The events are planned as a means of encouraging voter registration and participation in the coming election.

Statement

In his official statement marking the day, the governor said: "Free elections have long been the hallmark of a democracy. The opportunity to express one's preference at the polls is cherished by all liberty-loving people.

"The members of the Puerto Rican community in our state are to be commended for their interest in the rights and responsibilities of their American citizenship.

"May the celebration be high-

ly successful and may it serve to foster great understanding and cooperation between Americans who have come here from Puerto Rico and their fellow Connecticut citizens."

The public is invited to watch the parade and to attend the meeting in Dillon Stadium that will climax it.

The parade will start at 2 p.m. from Ely and Main streets. It will travel downtown on Mair Street, turning left on to Charter Avenue, then right to Huyshope Avenue and thence to the stadium.

At least 75 Puerto Rican organizations will participate with many floats and bands.

The day's activities will end with a banquet for 300 special guests at 8 p.m. in the Hotel America.