

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
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**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, HON. RICARDO A. ROSSELLÓ NEVARES, TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY PERIOD UNDER THE PUERTO RICO FINANCIAL EMERGENCY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2017, ACT NO. 5-2017 AND TO DECREE MEASURES TO PERMIT THE GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR PUERTO RICO (“GDB”) TO CONTINUE CARRYING OUT ITS OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS: Puerto Rico is currently undergoing the worst financial and economic crisis of its modern history. This precarious situation led the United State Congress to enact the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act*, known as PROMESA. Said statute established the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the “Board”).

WHEREAS: In order to address the crisis, the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico enacted Act 5-2017, known as *Puerto Rico Financial Emergency and Fiscal Responsibility Act*. Said statute declared an “Emergency Period” during which the Governor can take measures to guarantee fiscal responsibility in the Government in such a way that the obligations of the Government and its instrumentalities can be satisfied while at the same time ensure for the provision of essential services required for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: Pursuant to article 103(q) of Act 5-2017, the “Emergency Period” ends May 1, 2017. Notwithstanding, the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order, may extend the term for an additional three (3) months.

WHEREAS: Since January, the Government of Puerto Rico has been immersed in a comprehensive fiscal reform process, which includes the adoption of a Fiscal Plan which was certified by the Board, the development of a budget compatible with said Plan, as well as the adoption of a number of measures to reform the structure of the Government.

WHEREAS: It is necessary to extend the “Emergency Period” for an additional three months (3) to enable the voluntary negotiations to continue between the Government, its instrumentalities and the creditors to continue, and at the same time, while allowing for the continued provision of essential services to the People of Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS: Section 204 of Act 5-2017 authorizes the Governor to take any and all actions it deems reasonable and necessary to permit the GDB to continue carrying out its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, RICARDO A. ROSSELLÓ NEVARES, Governor of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the inherent powers of my position and the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Puerto Rico, hereby order and decree the following:

1<sup>st</sup> SECTION. Pursuant Article 103(q) of Act 5-2017, the "Emergency Period" is hereby extended by an additional period of three (3) months, which shall end on August 1, 2017.

2<sup>nd</sup> SECTION. Pursuant to Section 208(e) of Act 5-2017, it is hereby provided that the Executive Orders adopted pursuant to Act 21-2016, the Puerto Rico Emergency Moratorium and Financial Rehabilitation Act and Act 5-2017, shall remain in full force and effect until such orders are amended, rescinded, or superseded.

3<sup>rd</sup> SECTION. Pursuant to Section 204 of Act 5-2017, it is hereby provided that in order to permit the GDB to continue carrying out its operations, such operations shall be governed by the provisions of Executive Order 2016-010 and Executive Order 2016-014, as well as the provisions of the Fiscal Plan for the GDB approved by the Board, as it may be amended, and by any other determination of the Board, provided, however, that to the extent that there is an inconsistency or discrepancy between the provisions of said Executive Orders and the Fiscal Plan for the GDB or any determination of the Board, the Fiscal Plan for the GDB and the determinations of the Board shall prevail.

4<sup>th</sup> SECTION. REPEAL. This order renders without any effect any other Executive Order that may, in whole or in part, be inconsistent with this Executive Order, to the extent of such incompatibility.

5<sup>th</sup> SECTION. EFFECTIVENESS. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed by a future Executive Order or by operation of law.

6<sup>th</sup> SECTION SEVERABILITY. This Executive Order shall be interpreted in a manner to render it valid to the extent practicable in accordance with the Puerto Rico Constitution and the United States Constitution. If a section, clause, paragraph, subparagraph, provision, or other part of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or unlawful by a competent court, a court order to that effect will neither affect nor invalidate the remainder of this Executive Order. The effect of such a court order will be limited to the section, clause, paragraph,

subparagraph, provision, or other part of this Executive Order declared unconstitutional or unlawful and only with respect to the application to the particular obligation subject to the court order.

7<sup>TH</sup> SECTION

PUBLICATION. This Executive Order shall be filed immediately with the Department of State and its widest publication is hereby ordered.

IN TESTIMONY BY WHICH, I issue this Executive Order under my signature and I affix the Great Seal of the Government of Puerto Rico, at The Fortaleza, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



RICARDO A. ROSSELLO NEVARES  
GOVERNOR

Promulgated pursuant to law, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



MARÍA MARCANO DE LEÓN, ESQ.  
INTERIM SECRETARY OF STATE