## **GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO** LA FORTALEZA SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

Administrative Bulletin Number: OE-2025-030

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, HON. JENNIFFER A. GONZÁLEZ COLÓN, TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN OE-2024-017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION THAT SHALL ORGANIZE THE COMMEMORATION OF THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL.

WHEREAS: On July 4, 2026, the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United

> States of America will be celebrated—a historic milestone offering an exceptional opportunity to honor our nation's legacy, celebrate its achievements, and reaffirm the values of democracy, liberty, and common

purpose that define us as a people.

WHEREAS: To ensure the proper observance and commemoration of this significant

> event, the United States Semiquincentennial Commission was established at the national level. Known as "America 250," the Commission is responsible for planning, promoting, developing, and coordinating commemorative

activities in alignment with these objectives.

WHEREAS: To advance its goals, the national Commission has urged each of the

> Nation's states and territories to establish local commissions that will collaborate in the planning and execution of commemorative activities, foster public participation, and highlight the shared values that bind us

during this celebration.

WHEREAS: Recognizing the historic importance of this Anniversary, and the

> opportunity that it represents to highlight the contributions made by the people of Puerto Rico to the development and defense of our Nation, the Government of Puerto Rico established, through Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-017, the Puerto Rico Semiguincentennial Commission, which was tasked with organizing, coordinating, and executing

commemorative activities on the Island.

WHEREAS: To ensure an impactful commemoration that showcases Puerto Rico's

> pride and contributions to the Nation, it has become necessary to strengthen the Commission's organizational structure and to expand and

clarify its delegated responsibilities.

WHEREFORE: I, JENNIFFER A. GONZÁLEZ COLÓN, Governor of Puerto Rico, by

> virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Government of Puerto Rico, hereby decree and order the following:

AMENDMENT. Section 1 of Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-**Section 1:** 

017 is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 1:** CREATION. The Puerto Rico Commission for the Commemoration of the United States Semiguincentennial (the "Commission") is hereby created as an advisory body of the Government



of Puerto Rico. Its primary function shall be to plan, promote, develop, and coordinate celebrations and activities in Puerto Rico related to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States. For administrative purposes, this Commission shall be assigned to the Puerto Rico Office of Management and Budget.

**Section 2:** 

<u>AMENDMENT.</u> Section 2 of Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-017 is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 2:** <u>INTERNAL OPERATION</u>. The Governor shall designate the Commission's Executive Director through an official communication. The Executive Director may, in consultation with the Governor, establish work committees, designate their members, require the involvement of appropriate Government of Puerto Rico agencies as necessary, seek the collaboration of private-sector entities and nonprofit organizations to support the Commission's work, and carry out any other functions necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Executive Order.

Section 3:

**AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-017 is amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 7:** <u>COOPERATION OF THE AGENCIES</u>. The agencies must assist and cooperate with the Commission in the implementation of this Executive Order's provisions to the extent they are required to do so. Likewise, all agencies shall provide the administrative and budgetary support needed to facilitate the Commission's operations.

**Section 4:** 

**AMENDMENT.** Section 8 of Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-017 is amended to read as follows:

**Section 8:** <u>IMPLEMENTATION</u>. It shall be the duty of the Executive Director of the Commission to supervise and oversee faithful compliance with this Executive Order. To that end, the Executive Director is hereby granted the authority to implement and adopt any measures needed to carry out its provisions effectively.

**Section 5:** 

Any provisions of Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-017 that are not repealed or amended by this Executive Order shall remain in effect as originally established.

**Section 6:** 

**<u>DEFINITION OF "AGENCY".</u>** For purposes of this Executive Order, the term "agency" shall refer to any department, instrumentality, office, or dependency of the Executive Branch of Puerto Rico, including public corporations, regardless of how it is designated or named.

Section 7:

**SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Executive Order are separate and independent from each other, and if any part, section, provision, or sentence of this Executive Order is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid by a court with competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force.



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Section 8: NON-CREATION OF ENFORCEABLE RIGHTS. This Executive

Order is not intended to create any substantive or procedural rights enforceable in any judicial, administrative, or other forum against the Government of Puerto Rico, its agencies, officials, employees, or any

other individual.

**Section 9:** REPEAL. This Executive Order hereby repeals and supersedes any

other executive order that may be in conflict with the provisions herein,

to the extent that such incompatibilities exist.

**Section 10: PUBLICATION.** This Executive Order shall be immediately filed with

the Puerto Rico Department of State and its broadest possible

publication is hereby ordered.

Section 11: <u>EFFECTIVENESS.</u> This Executive Order shall take effect

immediately and shall remain in effect until it is amended or repealed

by a subsequent executive order or legal provision.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I issue this Executive Order under my signature and cause the Great Seal of the Government of Puerto Rico to be affixed hereto, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 4th day of June 2025.



Enacted pursuant to Law on this 4th day of June 2025.

Narel W. Colón Torres

**ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE** 

