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

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, HON. JENNIFFER A. GONZÁLEZ COLÓN, TO EXTEND THE EMERGENCY PERIOD DECREED BY ACT NO. 5-2017, AS AMENDED.

**WHEREAS:** 

The United States Congress approved Public Law No. 187 of June 30, 2016, titled the Puerto Rico Oversight Management, and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA), with the goal of addressing the deep financial and fiscal crisis faced by the Government of Puerto Rico. PROMESA also created the Financial Oversight and Management Board (Oversight Board).

**WHEREAS:** 

In response to said crisis, the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico approved Act No. 5-2017, as amended, known as the PUERTO RICO FINANCIAL EMERGENCY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (Act 5-2017), through which an emergency period was decreed that empowers the Governor of Puerto Rico to adopt any necessary measures to ensure the fiscal responsibility of the Government of Puerto Rico and its departments, as well as to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of its citizens (Emergency Period).

WHEREAS:

Article 103(q) of Act 5-2017 originally established that said Emergency Period would conclude on May 1, 2017; however, in accordance with said sections provisions, it was initially extended by three (3) additional months.

**WHEREAS:** 

Later, through the approval of Act No. 46-2017 (Act 46-2017), the Legislative Assembly extended the Emergency Period until December 31, 2017 and, at the same time, amended Article 103(q) of Act 5-2017 to authorize the Governor to extend said period in six (6) month intervals by issuing Executive Orders, so long as the Oversight Board remains in place.

**WHEREAS:** 

In light of the above, the Emergency Period has been successively extended through the issuance of the following administrative bulletins: (i) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2017-076 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2018; (ii) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2018-023 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2018; (iii) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2018-053 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2019; (iv) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2019-030 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2019; (v) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2019-066 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2020; (vi) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2020-050 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2020; (vii) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2021-052 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2021; (viii) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2021-052 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2021; (ix)



Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2021-084 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2022; (x) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2022-037 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2022; (xi) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2022-058 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2023; (xii) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2023-019 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2023; (xiii) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2023-038 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 2024; (xiv) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-015 to extend the Emergency Period until December 31, 2024; (xv) Administrative Bulletin No. OE-2024-034 to extend the Emergency Period until June 30, 25.

WHEREAS:

This administration remains firm in its commitment to implement measures directed at safeguarding public order and guaranteeing the safety, wellbeing, and protection of the lives and property of our citizens. These actions have been essential in facing both the economic and fiscal challenges, as well as the multiple emergencies that Puerto Rico has experienced.

**WHEREAS:** 

With the purpose of continuing the processes of restructuring the debt of public corporations and government departments, in accordance with the provisions of PROMESA, including Title VI and Section 207, and in a manner that safeguards the provision of essential services and the orderly operation of the Government of Puerto Rico, it is imperative to extend the Emergency Period for an additional term of six (6) months.

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:

**Section 1:** 

**EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY PERIOD.** By virtue of the authority granted to me by Article 103(q) of Act 5-2017, the Emergency Period is hereby extended for an additional term of six (6) months, which shall conclude on December 31, 2025.

**Section 2:** 

**PREVAILING LANGUAGE.** This Executive Order shall be adopted and published in both official languages of Puerto Rico, Spanish and English, as established in Article 107 of Act 5-2017, which reads as follows: "Any executive order issued under this Act shall be adopted and published in both the official languages of Puerto Rico, Spanish and English. If, in the interpretation or application of said executive orders, there should exist a conflict between the text in English and the text in Spanish, the text in English shall prevail."

In light of the above, it is hereby stated that, should any conflict arise between both versions of this Executive Order, the English text shall prevail.

**Section 3:** 

**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 4:** 

**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.

**Section 5:** 

**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 6:

<u>**PUBLICATION.**</u> This Executive Order shall be immediately filed with the Department of State and its general publication is hereby ordered.

Section 7:

**EFFECTIVENESS.** This Executive Order shall take effect on July 1, 2025 and shall remain in effect until it is expressly amended or repealed by a subsequent Executive Order or an applicable 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 stamped here unto in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

JENNIFFER A. GONZÁLEZ COLÓN GOVERNOR

Enacted pursuant to Law on this 25th day of June 2025.

Varel W. Colón Torres NAREL W. COLÓN TORRES

**ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE** 

