

San Juan, June 24, 1952

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO

Social Security Week

WHEREAS, on December 15, 1950, the benefits of the Old Age and Life Insurance Program included in the Federal Social Security Act, were extended to Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, the said program of Social Security started to be enforced in Puerto Rico on January 1, 1951;

WHEREAS, more than 20,000 employers and over 450,000 employees or persons devoted to businesses on their own, are already registered in Puerto Rico for the purposes of Federal Social Security;

WHEREAS, all persons now working in businesses protected by this law, will be accumulating rights to receive at their 65 years of age, a rent lasting for life, or to provide a whole amount and monthly benefits to the family in case of death;

WHEREAS, this program has been taking effect in Puerto Rico for a year and a half, and many Puertoricans, because of having fulfilled the legal requirements, have already secured their right to receive Social Security benefits;

WHEREAS, when this program was started in Puerto Rico, a local Social Security Office was established in the City of San Juan, and due to the development achieved during its first year of function, it has been necessary to open new offices at Ponce and Mayaguez;

WHEREAS, the Federal Social Security offices beginning the week from June 29 to July 5, will pay for the first time in Puerto Rico, large benefits to hundreds of our fellow citizens;

WHEREAS, the Federal Social Security is already an outstanding factor in the economic and social life of Puerto Rico;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim the week from June 29 to July 5, 1952, as "Social Security Week", and urge all employees who are 65 years old, and who have worked continuously during six quarters beginning January 1st, 1951, to go to the nearest

Social Security Office, and inquire about his rights to receive payments of benefits according to this program, and I further ask all persons who have worked in Puerto Rico for a period of a year and a half in an employment protected by this program, to inform his family about his rights under Social Security, so that in case his death come to pass, his family may immediately visit the nearest Social Security Office and demand those benefits to which they may be entitled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto

set my hand and affixed the  
Great Seal of Puerto Rico at  
the City of San Juan, this  
24th day of June, in the year  
of our Lord one thousand nine  
hundred and fifty two.-----

(Sgd) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN  
Governor

Proulgated according to law, this 24th day of June, 1952.

(Sgd) N. ALMIROTY  
Acting Executive Secretary  
of Puerto Rico