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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Safe-Driving Day

WHEREAS, our economy and ways of living are closely related to the transportation on highways, as during fiscal year 1954-55 approximately 105,000 motor vehicles were registered in Puerto Rico; their use having considerably increased at the same time;

WHEREAS, during past years the number of deaths caused by traffic accidents has been continually increasing and during last year there were 250 dead and 9,220 injured, which shows the existence of a serious human and economic problem in our Island;

WHEREAS, it has been proved that at least 85% of all traffic accidents are caused by human failures, usually the result of a poor attitude or the ignorance of traffic laws and regulations on the part of automobile drivers as well as pedestrians;

WHEREAS, one of the most efficient ways to correct these failures is through an intense educational campaign that may show every citizen that it is in our communities where the problem of traffic safety has to be dealt with, and that the solution of same should be every citizen's main responsibility;

WHEREAS, if the Government, civic organizations and all citizens join efforts in a campaign so that we may have a day in which there are no regrettable accidents, the results would prove that the occurrence of accidents during the whole year could be prevented;

WHEREAS, December 1st., 1955 has been designated as safe-driving day to be celebrated throughout the United States and Puerto Rico;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim December 1st, 1955 as Safe-Driving Day, and to that end I ask;

1. that all Mayors and other municipal authorities proclaim this day in their respective cities or towns;
2. that all interested civic organizations cooperate with the Department of Public Works towards the promotion of this campaign;
3. that all my fellow-citizens follow the principles enumerated below:
 - a. to obey fully all traffic laws and regulations;
 - b. to be courteous toward other motor vehicle drivers, and pedestriaus;
 - c. to be very attentive when driving a vehicle or walking in the streets;
 - d. each driver to consider himself personally responsible not to be the exception on that day.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
unto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the Common-
wealth of Puerto Rico to be
affixed, at the City of San
Juan, this 7th. day of Octo-
ber, A. D., nineteen hundred
and fifty-five.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 7th. day of October, 1955.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY
Assistant Secretary of State