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EXECUTIVE ORDER  
OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO  
THE GOVERNOR ON THE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT  
ACT OF 1971

WHEREAS: The problem of high unemployment and underemployment in Puerto Rico is one of the most important demanding immediate attention from the Government in its interest to promote the welfare of that segment of our society which is in most need of assistance, and thus enable them to achieve a better standard of living;

WHEREAS: The level of unemployment and underemployment in Puerto Rico remains high in spite of the constant increase of work opportunities;

WHEREAS: In times of high unemployment, many low-income persons are unable to secure or retain employment, making it especially difficult to become self-supporting and thus increasing the number of welfare recipients;

WHEREAS: It is appropriate during times of high unemployment to fill unmet needs for public services in such fields as environmental quality, health care, housing and neighborhood improvements, recreation, education, public safety, maintenance of streets, parks and other public facilities, rural development, transportation, beautification, conservation, crime prevention and control, prison rehabilitation, and other fields of human betterment and public improvement, which our Government has been doing within its limited economic resources in order to maintain a balanced economy and counteract the diminished participation of the private sector;

WHEREAS: In spite of the efforts realized by our Government, there is a great portion of unmet needs for public services to be furnished which we have been not able to provide due to fiscal limitations;

WHEREAS: In conformity with the terms of Emergency Employment Act of 1971 programs providing transitional employment in jobs providing needed public services and related training and manpower services can be a useful component of the Nation's manpower policies in dealing with problems of high unemployment

and dependency upon welfare assistance, and providing affected individuals with opportunities to develop skills and abilities to enable them to move into other public or private employment and other opportunities; and providing resources for transitional public service employment and related training and manpower services during an economic slowdown can help as an economic stabilizer both to ease the impact of unemployment for the affected individuals and to reduce the pressures which tend to generate further unemployment;

WHEREAS: It is the purpose of the act to provide unemployed and under-employed persons with transitional employment in jobs providing needed public services during times of high unemployment and, wherever feasible, related training and manpower services to enable such persons to move into employment or training not supported under the Act;

WHEREFORE: I, Luis A. Ferré, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the authority conferred me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, hereby appoint the Advisory Council to the Governor on the Emergency Employment Act. This Council will be composed as follows:

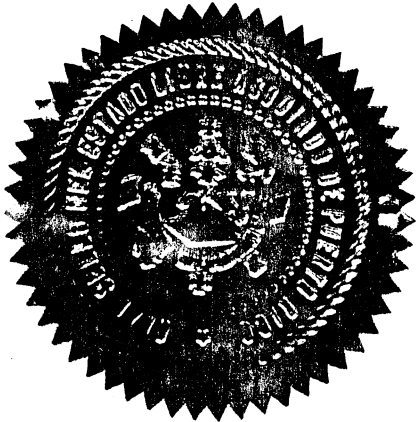
Special Assistant to the Governor, Chairman and Co-Chairman  
Secretary of Labor

Director of Personnel of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Director of the Bureau of the Budget

Two (2) Mayors representing a large and small city, respectively

The Council will act as advisor to the Governor on all matters related to proposals submitted according to the provisions of the Act; will recommend suggested priorities as to unmet public services; will assist the Governor in the development of the programs and proposals which must be submitted; and will make recommendations regarding the allocation of funds upon different subagents. To assist the Council in performing its functions adequately, I hereby appoint an Executive Director, whose duties and responsibilities will be those which the Council may establish. All departments and agencies of the Commonwealth Government will assist and provide all the information required by the Council.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, at the City of San Juan, this 27 day of August, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

*Luis A. Ferré*  
LUIS A FERRE  
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 27 day of August, 1971.

*Enrique Boneta Rodríguez*  
ENRIQUE BONETA RODRIGUEZ  
Undersecretary of State