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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF PUERTO RICO

A PROCLAMATION

Week for the Prevention of Accidents in Agriculture

WHEREAS: during fiscal year 1953-54, there were 59,453 accidents registered among workers in Puerto Rico, 26,247 of which occurred in farm labors, which amount only includes accidents suffered by employees of management covered by the State Insurance Fund, representing a cost of several millions of dollars;

WHEREAS: these accidents during working hours cause incalculable human suffering -physical and moral aches, widowhood and orphanage- to so many Puerto Rican working families;

WHEREAS: these accidents give reason for the lack of worker's insurance, cause serious disturbances in the performance of all operating enterprises, and constitute a great loss to the economy of Puerto Rico;

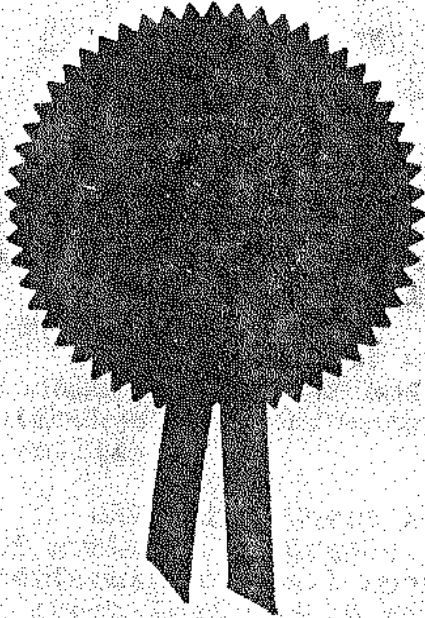
WHEREAS: it is necessary to emphasize the importance of all safety rules and the prevention of accidents in farming and in all industries by means of an intense educational campaign throughout Puerto Rico, to serve as an official exhortation to all workers, employees and the people in general to be on the alert, thus reducing and preventing, as much as possible, all human suffering and waste caused in the country's economy by accidents among workers;

WHEREAS: the most appropriate period for such a beneficial campaign should be during the beginning of the most important farm labors, such as sugar cane cultivation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, do hereby declare the week beginning January 9, 1955, Week for the Prevention of Accidents in Agriculture; and I heartily recommend to all persons, labor and management organizations, all departments and agencies of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and

Federal agencies connected with agriculture, to initiate and carry on an effective educational publicity campaign to educate the inhabitants of the rural zones of Puerto Rico on the human importance and the economic necessity and convenience of reducing, in its fullest meaning, accidents in the farms and rural homes, and to try to maintain in all their effectivity the human resources available, for the general welfare and the promotion and expansion of our sources of life and abundance.

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 30th day of Novem-
ber, A. D. nineteen hundred
and fifty-four.



(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 30th day of November, 1954.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY
Assistant Secretary of State