

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
LA FORTALEZA
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Administrative
Bulletin
No. 479

EXECUTIVE ORDER

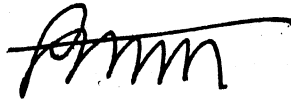
- WHEREAS: We are confronted with the undeniably dangerous fact that a potential enemy of the United States of America has the capability of launching an attack with powerful weapons that in one way or the other may affect the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and
- WHEREAS: Our recovery, in fact our survival from such an attack may depend upon the effectiveness of our Civil Defense Office and Civil Defense organizations in our political subdivisions; and
- WHEREAS: The Puerto Rico Civil Defense Act, as amended, confers upon the Governor comprehensive emergency powers to be exercised in providing for the common defense to protect the public peace, health and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and
- WHEREAS: The application of these emergency powers requires extensive pre-planning at all levels of Government to insure smooth and understandable transition from normal to emergency governmental operation; and
- WHEREAS: The Office of Civil Defense in cooperation with other Commonwealth departments and agencies, have developed an Emergency Plan for all levels of Commonwealth Government which is known as "Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - Operational Survival Plan", now therefore it is
- ORDERED: That the "Commonwealth of Puerto Rico - Operational Survival Plan" be implemented, by all Departments and Agencies of the Commonwealth Government, as soon as possible; be it further
- ORDERED: That the departments and agencies with an assignment of responsibility and with an Emergency Plan of Operation written into the Survival Plan shall develop a standard operating procedure for the plan; be it further
- ORDERED: That all departments and agencies of the Commonwealth Government not assigned a Civil Defense responsibility in the Survival Plan shall develop an Emergency Plan of Operation and a Standard Operating Procedure so as to assure Continuity of the Department, Agency, Bureau, Office, Commission or Independent Institution; be it further
- ORDERED: That Emergency plans and Standard Operation Procedure for all levels of Commonwealth Government must contain the following:
1. Automatic lines of succession for all officials
 2. Preservation of essential records
 3. Emergency relocation sites
 4. Use of all personnel, facilities and equipment for emergency action

be it further

ORDERED: That the responsibilities imposed by this order shall rest with the Heads of each department, provided that such Heads should designate a competent official in the service to be and act as Civil Defense Coordinator of the department. It shall be the function of said Civil Defense Coordinator to supervise and coordinate all Civil Defense functions and planning by the department, subject to the direction and control of the Head of the department; be it further

ORDERED: That any Executive Order in conflict with this Order is hereby rescinded.

This the 26 day of March, 1959



LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN

ATTEST:



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Assistant Secretary of State