



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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Contractor Fraud Awareness Week


- WHEREAS:** Each year, Puerto Rico faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause severe damage, or even worse, destruction to private property and homes;
- WHEREAS:** Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs. Predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk;
- WHEREAS:** It is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlights the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes. The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Puerto Ricans to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor;
- WHEREAS:** The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Puerto Rico, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, is committed to educating Puerto Ricans about predatory practices by dishonest contractors;
- WHEREAS:** The citizens of Puerto Rico are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fourth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, from May 20 through May 24, 2024;
- THEREFORE:** I, PEDRO R. PIERLUISI, Governor of Puerto Rico, by the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of Puerto Rico, do hereby proclaim May 20 through May 24, 2024 as the *Contractor Fraud Awareness Week*. In doing so, I urge the people of Puerto Rico, the public and private entities, as well as the media, to raise awareness of this important public issue.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I sign the present and cause to be affixed on it the Great Seal of the Government of Puerto Rico, in the City of San Juan, on this 6th day of May 2024.



Promulgated according to the Law, today, May 6th, 2024.


OMAR J. MARRERO
Secretary of State


PEDRO R. PIERLUISI
Governor