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GOVERNOR ALEJANDRO GARCÍA PADILLA AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO THE PUERTO RICO SUPREME COURT'S RECENT DECISION REGARDING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ACT 3 OF 2013

“The Puerto Rico Supreme Court just ratified the constitutionality of the legislation proposed by me and approved by the Legislative Assembly to guarantee and save the retirement pensions of our public employees and to thus safeguard Puerto Rico’s credit. The Supreme Court’s decision gives back to Puerto Rico its tranquility, peace of mind, and trust in the fact that Puerto Rico’s three branches of government are working to advance Puerto Rico’s interests and that the constitutional order remains intact.

Democracy is built every day. It is each generation’s responsibility to strengthen the democratic inheritance received by us from our mothers and our grandfathers; to ensure that we are closer every day to the Puerto Rican aspiration to live under the mantle of Law, not of individuals. The leaders of the three branches of the State –Executive, Legislative and Judicial– have a special responsibility to fulfill our country’s commitments.

Having turned this page, now that the problems of the pension system, the Ports Authority, the Highways and Transportation Authority and the General Fund, as well as other headaches suffered by the country, have been addressed, let us work to promote investment and continue with the job creation and security agenda that we have in front of us.”

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