

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40

WHEREAS, it is my responsibility as Governor to supervise the principal departments and agencies comprising the Executive Branch of State Government, to monitor their effectiveness on an ongoing basis, and to streamline their structure whenever possible to improve efficiency and performance; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers in the State of New Jersey currently support, directly and indirectly, the operations of numerous independent State boards, commissions, authorities, agencies, and other government instrumentalities (hereinafter referred to as "State Authorities"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the foregoing, earlier this year I issued Executive Order No. 15 (2010), paragraph 8 of which ordered the commissioners or heads of each principal department in the Executive Branch to identify the State Authorities established in or allocated to such department and to provide a recommendation to the Governor's Office regarding whether each such State Authority should continue to exist or be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review of those departmental recommendations, it has been determined that many State Authorities are functionally inactive, expired, or defunct, but nevertheless remain on the State records; and

WHEREAS, it also has been determined that other State Authorities are duplicative, ineffective, unnecessary, or otherwise have outlived their usefulness for achieving their original goals; and

WHEREAS, while many such inactive, expired, defunct, and/or unnecessary State Authorities were established by statute and therefore are not subject to unilateral repeal by the Governor,

but rather require legislative action, a number of State Authorities were originally created or authorized by Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, my administration is committed to undertaking a thorough, ongoing study of the current structure and operations of the Executive Branch of State Government and to work with the Legislature to enact appropriate legislation to repeal statutory authorization for unnecessary, duplicative, outdated, and/or defunct State Authorities; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for me to take executive action to rescind the portions of prior Executive Orders that originally authorized the establishment of certain State Authorities, which have been identified and recommended as appropriate for elimination; and

WHEREAS, many past Executive Orders expressly state or otherwise imply that the State Authorities created thereunder would automatically terminate following the issuance of an assigned report, study, or some similar work product, but others do not address these issues at all, potentially causing confusion or misunderstanding as to the continuing legal status of these entities, and it is therefore desirable to establish clearly and definitively the termination of executive authorization for certain State Authorities identified as appropriate for abolition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. (a). The following State Authorities, insofar as they were established under the authority of one or more Executive

Orders, are hereby terminated and abolished and those Executive Orders, or parts thereof that authorized their creation and existence, are hereby rescinded:

- (1). the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Celebration Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 116 (2000);
- (2). the Advisory Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 82 and No. 93 (1998);
- (3). the Advisory Committee to Study the Future of the New Jersey Training School for Boys in Monroe Township established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 75 (1997);
- (4). the Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 10 (1994);
- (5). the Advisory Council to Promote the Profession of Nursing in New Jersey established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 139 (2002), and Nos. 141 and 142 (2002);
- (6). the Advisory Panel on Higher Education Restructuring established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 14 (1994);
- (7). the Advisory Panel on School Vouchers established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 30 (1995);
- (8). the New Jersey Character Education Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 9 (2002);
- (9). the Benefits Review Task Force established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 39 (2005);
- (10). the Billboard Policy Procedure and Review Task Force established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 59 (2003);
- (11). the Blue Ribbon Panel on the Development of Wind Turbine Facilities in Coastal Waters established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 12 (2004);
- (12). the Budget Efficiency Savings Team Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 2 (2002);
- (13). the Commission on Rationalizing New Jersey's Health Care Resources established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 39 (2006);
- (14). the Construction Trade Training Council established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 123 (2001);

(15). the Defense Conversion and Community Assistance Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 87 (1993);

(16). the Deferred Balance Task Force - Board of Directors established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 25 (2002);

(17). the Delaware Bay Weakfish Action Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 20 (1990);

(18). the Ellis Island New Jersey Restoration Advisory Committee established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 111 (2000);

(19). the Election Advisory Council established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 143 (1986);

(20). the Fix DMV Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 19 (2002);

(21). the Governor's Youth Advisory Council established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 34 (1995), 79 (1998), and 107 (1999);

(22). the Task Force for Farmland Assessment Program established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 109 (1993);

(23). the Renewable Energy Task Force established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 45 (2003);

(24). the Governor's Cabinet for Children established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 60 and No. 83 (2003);

(25). the Governor's Commission on Eastern European History established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 41 (1991);

(26). the Education Mandate Review Study Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 75 (2003);

(27). the Governor's Commission to Support and Enhance New Jersey's Military and Coast Guard Installations established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 106 (2004);

(28). the Governor's Committee on Children's Services Planning established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 102 (1993);

(29). the Governor's Committee on Welfare Reform established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 101 (1993);

(30). the Governor's Council on New Jersey Outdoors established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 138 (1986), No. 196 (1988), and No. 40 (1995);

(31). the Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council for Policy Development established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 17 (2002);

(32). the Governor's School Board of Overseers established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 42 (1991) and No. 129 (1986);

(33). the Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 43 (2003);

(34). the Governor's Study Group on the Bicentennial of the Polish Constitution, Executive Order No. 31 (1991);

(35). the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 1 (2004);

(36). the Governor's Task Force on Public Health Emergency Planning established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 140 (2002);

(37). the Governor's Task Force on Steroid Use and Prevention established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 46 (2005);

(38). the Study Commission on Parole established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 39 (1995);

(39). the Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 13 (2002);

(40). the Hudson River Waterfront Development Committee established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 53 (1983), No. 152 (1986), and No. 32 (1991);

(41). the Invasive Species Council established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 97 (2004);

(42). the Lake Restoration & Management Advisory Task Force established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 115 (2000);

(43). the Landlord-Tenant Task Force established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 81 and No. 86 (1998);

(44). the Legalized Gaming Policy Study Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 83 (1993);

(45). the Liberty State Park Public Advisory Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 74 (1979), No. 75 (1984), and No. 163 (1987);

(46). the New Jersey Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 125 (2008);

(47). the New Jersey Advanced Technology Vehicle Task Force established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 4 (1999);

(48). the New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 87 (2007);

(49). the New Jersey Council on Job Opportunities established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 54 (1992);

(50). the New Jersey Fisheries Development Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 75 (1984);

(51). the Video Lottery Study Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 46 (2003);

(52). the Task Force for the Review of the Treatment of the Criminally Insane established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 58 (1996);

(53). the New Jersey Character Education Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 9 (2002);

(54). the Governor's Asian American Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 39 (2002);

(55). the Task Force on the Affordability and Accessibility of Health Care in New Jersey established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 97 (1999);

(56). the State Council on Vocational Education established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 28 (1991);

(57). the Study Commission on New Jersey's Non-Public Schools established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 161 (2009);

(58). the New Jersey Geographic Information Council established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 122 (2001);

(59). the Citizen's Committee on Permit Coordination established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Orders No. 57 (1977) and No. 100 (1985); and

(60). the Toll Road Consolidation Commission established pursuant to, inter alia, Executive Order No. 15 (2002).

(b). All State records shall be amended to reflect the abolition of these State Authorities.

2. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect or rescind any portion of any Executive Order that does not authorize the creation or existence of a State Authority. Moreover, nothing in this Order is intended or shall be construed to affect any entity whose existence has been codified by statute.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
9th day of September,
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fifth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor