

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2009, Governor Jon S. Corzine signed Executive Order No. 133 creating the Governor's Commission on the Horse Racing Industry ("Governor's Commission"); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Governor's Commission is to identify, assess, and recommend possible funding solutions for horse racing meets after 2010 and to propose long-term funding solutions that will promote the future and sustained viability of the horse racing industry in New Jersey in a written report to the Governor and Legislature by no later than July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is home to a broad entertainment industry comprised of professional sports, entertainment, horse racing, hotel-casinos, and casino-industry venues, which provide New Jersey residents, as well as visitors to the State, with a vast array of convenient and appealing entertainment options; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and viable entertainment industry is crucial to the State's economy and provides funding for many essential programs that enhance the way of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries are confronting unprecedented financial and structural challenges that require immediate and decisive action to restore financial accountability for the benefit of New Jersey's taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the issues currently under consideration by the Governor's Commission are a component of the full panoply of issues affecting the State's professional sports, entertainment, and gaming industries; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I have the responsibility and the authority to ensure that State government and its various agencies and instrumentalities operate as efficiently and as effectively as possible;

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. There is hereby created a New Jersey Gaming, Sports, and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Commission.

2. The Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor who shall serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall select a chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Commission. All members of the Advisory Commission shall serve without compensation. The Advisory Commission shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members.

3. The Advisory Commission is charged with developing recommendations for the Governor for a comprehensive, statewide approach regarding the issues and financial needs of New Jersey's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries and making proposals for the implementation of its recommendations. In developing its recommendations, the Advisory Commission shall carefully consider the State's long-term economic interests and this Administration's commitment to ensuring that the State's resources are managed responsibly for the benefit of the citizens of New Jersey. The Advisory Commission shall focus on a number of critical issues, including: (a) addressing the ongoing financial viability of

the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; (b) advancing or resolving the stalled Xanadu project; (c) improving the competitiveness of the gaming industry in Atlantic City and promoting that City as a successful destination resort; (d) ensuring that horse racing becomes self-sustaining; (e) making sure that events at entertainment venues in New Jersey are appropriately scheduled, including the Izod Center and the Prudential Center, so as to ensure their financial success; and (f) such other matters as may be referred to the Advisory Commission by the Governor.

4. The Department of the Treasury shall provide staff support to the Advisory Commission. The Advisory Commission shall be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this State to supply it with any information, personnel, or other assistance available as the Advisory Commission deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Advisory Commission within the limits of its statutory authority and to furnish the Advisory Commission with such assistance on as timely a basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order. The Advisory Commission may consult with experts or other knowledgeable individuals in the public or private sector on any aspect of its mission.

5. In formulating its recommendations pursuant to this Order, the Advisory Commission shall elicit public input from individuals, organizations, community groups, and other interested parties.

6. The Advisory Commission may report to the Governor from time to time and shall issue a final report to the Governor setting forth the Advisory Commission's recommendations pursuant to this Order no later than June 30, 2010. The Advisory Commission shall expire upon the issuance of its final report.

7. The final report of the Advisory Commission shall be provided to the Legislature and shall be made available to the public.

8. Paragraph 4 of Executive Order No. 133 (2009) is hereby amended as follows: the Governor's Commission shall conclude its study of the horse racing industry and provide its report and recommendations to the Advisory Commission no later than April 1, 2010, at which point the Governor's Commission shall expire. The Advisory Commission shall consider the final report and recommendations of the Governor's Commission in connection with the formulation of its final report and recommendations to the Governor.

9. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
3rd day of February
Two Thousand and Ten, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Fourth.

Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:

Jeffrey S. Chiesa
Chief Counsel to the Governor