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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 110

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pervasive problem in American Society and in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence devastates its victims and threatens the health and safety of families; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence imposes staggering costs on society associated with legal and medical expenses, law enforcement, social services, the courts and lost productivity in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, People die each year in New Jersey as a result of domestic violence, in circumstances that may be preventable; and

WHEREAS, A function of the Office on the Prevention of Violence Against Women (the "Office") in the Division of Women of the Department of Community Affairs is to implement strategies to prevent violence against women and to explore prevention initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, 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 established the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board ("Board") within the Office to study domestic violence related deaths and make recommendations regarding how these fatalities may be prevented.

2. The purposes of the Board are to:

a. Enhance the cooperation between public and private entities that deal with domestic violence issues with the goal of reducing premature deaths involving domestic violence.

b. Review facts and circumstances of domestic violence related fatalities to identify correlates of domestic violence related fatalities, and to perform other research as necessary toward the prevention of domestic violence related fatalities.

c. Develop a process for change in policies, procedures and protocols necessary to accomplish improvement in the prevention of domestic violence related fatalities.

g. A research data analysis committee may be established to gather data from institutions and individuals and to organize and summarize information for the full Board to develop a process for system change.

5. The Board is authorized to call upon a department, office, division or agency of this State to supply it with data and other information or assistance it deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division or agency of this State is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Board and to furnish it with such information and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

6. The Board shall report to the Governor, no later than one year from the date of this Executive Order, on the Board's progress and findings, and to make any recommendations regarding the Board's operation, including whether legislative authority would enhance the operation of the Board.

7. To the extent not inconsistent with current law, any information received from an institution, agency, individual, board, court, legislative committee, or other entity shall be kept confidential, and shall not be disclosed by the Board and its membership except in an aggregate form for research purposes by the Board and its members.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated March 15, 2000.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 111

WHEREAS, On May 27, 1998, the Advisory Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island was formed by Executive Order No. 82 (1998) and charged with investigating all potential future uses of the structures on Ellis Island, New Jersey, and with recommending to the Governor and the State Historic Preservation Officer a plan to maintain, restore, and put those structures to beneficial use in a manner consistent with the historic significance of the Island; and

WHEREAS, In December 1999, the Advisory Committee on the Preservation and Use of Ellis Island fulfilled its charge and effectively completed its work by delivering to the Governor and the State Historic Preservation Officer a Report recommending a plan to maintain,

Committee. The Chair may appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the Committee.

5. The Committee shall organize and meet as soon as possible after its formation and may hold joint meetings with the Ellis Island New Jersey Foundation or any other non-profit organization interested in maintaining, restoring and putting to beneficial use the structures on Ellis Island, New Jersey.

6. The Committee is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of this State to supply it with the data and other information, personnel or assistance it deems necessary to discharge its duties under this Order. Each department, office, division or agency is hereby directed, to the extent not inconsistent with the law, to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated April 6, 2000.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 112

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has long been committed to the development and implementation of policies and programs that will afford maximum economic and employment opportunities to all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature enacted the current form of the New Jersey Set-Aside Act for Small Businesses, Female Businesses, and Minority Businesses in 1985, providing that State contracting agencies shall have as a goal the awarding of at least 15 percent of their contracts for goods, equipment, construction and services to small businesses; at least 7 percent to minority businesses; and at least 3 percent to female businesses; and

WHEREAS, Contracting goals were also established for local governmental entities and certain State agencies and authorities, including but not limited to, the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, and the Economic Development Authority; and

(h) The Director of the Division on Civil Rights, or a designee, shall serve ex-officio;

(i) The Chairperson of the Legislative Black and Latino Caucus shall serve ex-officio; and

(j) Thirteen (13) public members who have expertise in issues of discrimination and equal opportunity shall be directly appointed by the Governor for terms of one year.

3. The Study Commission shall organize and meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of its members. A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member shall hold office for the term of appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on the Study Commission for any reason other than the expiration of the term shall have a term of appointment for the unexpired term only. A member may be appointed for any number of successive terms. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members.

4. The Study Commission shall investigate, research and report on the nature and scope of any past or present discrimination in State employment and contracting. Where the Study Commission finds evidence of such discrimination, it shall identify and evaluate remedies, consistent with guidelines established by law.

5. The Study Commission is authorized to call upon any department, office or agency of State government to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, officer, division and agency of this State is hereby required to cooperate with the Study Commission and to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

6. The Study Commission is authorized to utilize any and all outside resources, including consultants and experts, deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

7. The Study Commission shall report its findings and recommendations concerning past and present discriminatory practices in State employment and contracting to the Governor no later than one year after the effective date of this Order; provided, however, for good cause, the

Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby established in, but not of, the Department of Education the Abbott Implementation Advisory Council (Council).

2. The Council shall consist of seventeen (17) members as follows:

(a) The Commissioner of Education, or a designee, shall serve ex-officio;

(b) The Commissioner of Human Services, or a designee, shall serve ex-officio;

(c) The Attorney General, or a designee, shall serve ex-officio;

(d) The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, or a designee, shall serve ex-officio;

(e) Nine (9) public members, who may be chosen from among local government officials, business and community leaders, the education community and advocates of education and children, shall be appointed as follows to serve a two-year term: seven (7) members shall be directly appointed by the Governor; one (1) member shall be directly appointed by the President of the Senate; and one (1) member shall be directly appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; and

(f) Four (4) members of the Legislature shall be appointed as follows: two (2) members, one from each political party, shall be appointed by the President of the Senate to serve during the two-year legislative session in which the appointment is made; and two (2) members, one from each political party, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly to serve during the two-year legislative session in which the appointment is made.

3. The Council shall organize and meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members, but in no event later than July 1, 2000. A chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member shall hold office for the term of appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on the Council for any reason other than the expiration of the term shall have a term of appointment for the unexpired term only. A member may be appointed for any number of successive terms. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members.

4. The Council shall:

WHEREAS, New Jersey residents see cancer as the most important health issue facing the State, according to a survey conducted by the Eagleton Institute; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has made substantial progress in reducing the incidence and mortality rates for cancer in recent years, with mortality reductions of 7% for lung cancer, 10% for breast cancer, 20% for colorectal cancer, 23% for prostate cancer, and 10% for cervical cancer from 1990 to 1997; and incidence reductions of 6% for lung cancer, 2% for breast cancer, 8% for colorectal cancer, 19% for prostate cancer, and 17% for cervical cancer from 1992 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding these advances, cancer still claims too many lives, too many people engage in behaviors that increase their risk for cancer, and not enough people take advantage of regular screenings that can detect cancer early and save their lives; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that the State accelerate its already substantial efforts in the fight against cancer by improving cancer research, prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this imperative, the State has invested an additional \$2.7 million this year for an expanded Cancer Screening, Education and Outreach Initiative to increase cancer screening services to high-risk populations; and

WHEREAS, Greater coordination among experts in the field of medicine, pharmaceutical research, academia, advocacy and support organizations, and public health officials will promote a fully integrated effort at preventing, detecting, treating and curing cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, 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 within the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), the "Task Force on Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment in New Jersey" ("Task Force").
2. This Task Force shall consist of the following members:

cancer, especially among elderly and minority populations; and (5) increasing the percentage of cancers diagnosed at early stages;

(e) Develop an integrated set of priority strategies that are necessary to achieve the goals established pursuant to this Order; and

(f) Delineate the respective roles and responsibilities for the State and each of its partners in implementing the priority strategies identified pursuant to this Order.

5. The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services within 18 months of its organizational meeting, and thereafter, submit biennial updated reports.

6. The Task Force is authorized to call upon any department, office or agency of State government to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, office or agency of the State is hereby directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law and within budgetary constraints, to cooperate with the Task Force to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Order.

7. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated May 9, 2000.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 115

WHEREAS, The lakes of the State of New Jersey are an important water resource of the State; and

WHEREAS, These lakes provide substantial benefits to the residents of the State and to its visitors, including many recreational opportunities, such as boating, fishing, and swimming; and

WHEREAS, These lakes provide an important element of open space and essential habitat to diverse species of plants and animals, and also serve as an essential source of subsurface water for numerous potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, A large number of these lakes are exhibiting indications of stresses to water quality, including sedimentation, excess growth of nuisance and exotic plant and algal species, and other symptoms of eutrophication; and

Assembly to serve during the two-year legislative session in which the appointment is made.

3. The Task Force shall organize and meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members. The Governor shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Each member shall hold office for the term of appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on the Task Force for any reason other than the expiration of the term shall have a term of appointment for the unexpired term only. A member may be appointed for any number of consecutive terms. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members.

4. The Task Force shall examine the causes of lake eutrophication, the types of measures necessary to restore and properly manage lakes, and ways to finance such work. Specifically, the Task Force shall:

- (a) summarize readily available information on the number, location, ownership and condition of lakes in the State, the common causes of degradation in their condition, and the types of remedial measures necessary to restore and properly manage such lakes;
- (b) estimate the costs to assess, restore and manage lakes;
- (c) identify existing sources of funding that may be applied to these costs; and
- (d) make recommendations regarding ways to finance the restoration of lakes, including the appropriate role of federal, State and local government, and private and not-for-profit entities.

5. The Task Force is authorized to call upon any department, office or agency of State government to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order. Each department, office or agency of the State is hereby directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law and within budgetary constraints, to cooperate with the Task Force to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Order.

6. The Task Force shall present a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, setting forth its findings, conclusions and recommendations no later than one year from the date of its organizational meeting; provided, however, for good cause, the Chairperson may allow for a reasonable extension of the one-year time period.

Council on the Arts, and the President of the New Jersey Historical Society, or their designees;

b. Four (4) members of the Legislature shall be appointed as follows: two (2) members, one from each political party, shall be appointed by the President of the Senate to serve during the two-year legislative term in which the appointment is made; and two (2) members, one from each political party, shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly to serve during the two-year legislative term in which the appointment is made.

c. Nine (9) public members to be appointed by the Governor.

d. The term of office of each public member shall be four years, except for the initial appointments which shall be made as follows: three members shall be appointed for a two-year term, three members shall be appointed for a three-year term, and three members shall be appointed for a four-year term. The Governor, for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard, may remove a public member. A vacancy occurring among any of the public members, other than by expiration of term, shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term only and in the same manner as the original appointment. A member may serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

e. The public members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but shall, subject to State appropriation, be entitled to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

3. The Commission shall be chaired by the Secretary of State and a vice-chair shall be elected by the Commission from among its members. A secretary shall also be elected by the Commission who need not be a member of the Commission.

4. The Commission shall organize and meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members.

5. The Commission shall:

a. Plan, promote and coordinate the commemorative programs and activities sponsored and supported by agencies of the State government in honor of the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution from 2001 through 2008;

b. Assist with the coordination of the commemorative programs and activities developed and to be developed by counties, municipalities, and civic, veteran, historical, and other organizations in the State from 2001 through 2008;

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 117

WHEREAS, The heavy rainfall starting on August 12, 2000 has created conditions which threaten homes, bridges, dams and other structures, and the flow of traffic in areas of the State; and,

WHEREAS, The aforesaid weather conditions constitute an imminent hazard which threatens and presently endangers the health, safety and resources of the residents of one or more municipalities or counties of this State; and which is in some parts of the State and may become in other parts of the State too large in scope to be handled by the normal municipal operating services; and,

WHEREAS, The Constitution and Statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251 (N.J.S.A. App. A: 9-33 et seq.) and the Laws of 1979, Chapter 240 (N.J.S.A. 38A:3-6.1) and the Laws of 1963, Chapter 109 (N.J.S.A. 38A:2-4) and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey:

1. Do declare and proclaim that a State of Emergency has existed and presently exists in Morris and Sussex Counties.

2. Empower, in accordance with the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251 (N.J.S.A. App.A:9-33 et seq.) as supplemented and amended, the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, through the police agencies under his control, to determine the control and direction of the flow of such vehicular traffic on any State Highway, municipal or county road, including the right to detour, reroute or divert any or all traffic and to prevent ingress or egress from any area, that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. Authorize, in accordance with the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251 (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq.) as supplemented and amended, the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of the Division of State Police, to determine the control and

9. It shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State and of the members of the governing body and every official, employee or agent of every political subdivision in this State and of each member of all other governmental bodies, agencies authorities in this State of any nature whatsoever, to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

10. Pursuant to the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251, as supplemented and amended (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40), no municipality, county or any other agency or political subdivision of this State shall enact or enforce any order, rule, regulation, ordinance or resolution which will or might in any way conflict with any of the provisions of this Order, or which will in any way interfere with or impede the achievement of the purposes of this Order.

11. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is determined by me that an emergency no longer exists.

Dated August 14, 2000.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 118

WHEREAS, The Legislature has declared, through the Sexually Violent Predator Act, N.J.S.A.30:4-27.24 et seq. ("the Act"), that certain sex offenders pose a particular danger to the public due to the risk that they will recidivate; and

WHEREAS, The Act, which became effective August 12, 1999, authorizes the State to preserve the public safety by civilly committing offenders who are determined to be "sexually violent predators"; and

WHEREAS, In order to serve certain correctional and public safety interests, as well as to address certain individual rights issues, the Act includes the following specific requirements regarding the State's custody of sexually violent predators: that sexually violent predators be placed in a secure facility operated by the New Jersey Department of Corrections; that such civilly committed persons be housed separately from State inmates incarcerated by the Department of Corrections; and that the Department of Human Services provide appropriate services and treatment at the facility; and

enjoined the State from proceeding with this Building Authority project pending resolution of certain issues; and

WHEREAS, This injunction remains in effect and the litigation remains unresolved; and

WHEREAS, Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, which had on August 17, 2000 passed a resolution supporting the siting and construction of a permanent facility to house sexually violent predators on the grounds of Bayside State Prison, reversed its decision and, on September 11, 2000, passed a resolution opposing the siting and construction of the permanent facility to house sexually violent predators in its community; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Maurice River Township's September 11, 2000 resolution, the State has been further delayed from advancing its plans to construct a permanent facility to house sexually violent predators; and

WHEREAS, There are approximately 120 sexually violent predators currently housed in the Kearny facility; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the number of civilly committed sexually violent predators will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, Legislative and judicial mandates and the need to preserve public safety require the continued civil commitment of individuals found to be sexually violent predators; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections anticipates that a facility at East Jersey State Prison ("Rahway facility") can be modified by the end of the year within approximately three months, to temporarily house some, but not all, of the individuals committed pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, About eight months ago, in the Woodbridge litigation regarding the siting and construction of a permanent facility, the Superior Court appointed a special master to make recommendations regarding whether Woodbridge was entitled to production of certain documents and to provide the trial court with a recommendation concerning Woodbridge's request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, the Kearny facility is hereby designated as a facility appropriate for the temporary housing of sexually violent predators by the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

2. The Kearny facility will be used to house sexually violent predators until there exists either other temporary facilities capable of and appropriate for the housing of all individuals committed pursuant to the Act or until a permanent facility capable of accommodating this population is constructed and operational.

3. Hudson County shall be compensated for use of the Kearny facility consistent with the terms of the 1998 payment provisions of the lease; and

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated September 22, 2000.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 119

I, CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN, 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. November 24, 2000, the day following Thanksgiving, shall be granted as a day off to employees who work in the Executive Departments of State Government and who are paid from State funds or from federal funds made available to the State, whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, permit such absence.

2. An alternate day shall be granted to the aforementioned category of employees whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, precludes such absence on November 24, 2000.

Dated November 16, 2000.

or all traffic, and to suspend tolls on highways within the State, and to prevent ingress or egress from any area that, in the State Director's discretion, is deemed necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public, and to remove parked or abandoned vehicles from such roadways as conditions warrant.

3. Authorize the Attorney General, in accordance with the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251 (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq.) as supplemented and amended, and pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.39:4-213, acting through the Superintendent of the Division of State Police, to determine the control and direction of the flow of vehicular traffic on any State of interstate highway, and its access roads, including the right to detour, reroute or divert any or all traffic, and to prevent ingress or egress from any area to which the declaration of emergency applies. I further authorize all law enforcement officers to enforce any such orders of the Superintendent of State Police within their respective municipalities.

4. Authorize the State Director of Emergency Management to order the evacuation of all persons, except for those emergency and governmental personnel whose presence the State Director deems necessary, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety or welfare because of the conditions created by this emergency.

5. Further authorize and empower the State Director of Emergency Management to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated and maintained by the State of New Jersey to house and shelter persons who may need to be evacuated from a residence, dwelling, building, structure or vehicle during the course of this emergency.

6. Authorize the executive head of any agency or instrumentality of the State government with authority to promulgate rules, for the duration of this Executive Order, subject to my prior approval and in consultation with the State Director of Emergency Management, to waive, suspend or modify any existing rule the enforcement of which would be detrimental to the public welfare during this emergency, notwithstanding the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act or any law to the contrary. Any such waiver, modification or suspension shall be promulgated in accordance with N.J.S.A.App. A:9-45.

FURTHERMORE, in accordance with the Laws of 1942, Chapter 251 (N.J.S.A.App. A:9-34), as supplemented and amended, I reserve the right to utilize and employ all available resources of the State government and of

rescues of flood-stranded residents in the early morning hours of September 17, 1999, who undoubtedly were indeed lifesavers.

Gratitude is also expressed to all emergency responders for their untiring efforts during the course of the emergency.

Dated January 30, 2001.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122

WHEREAS, The management of geographic information about the character and location of the State's natural and cultural resources, and the human and economic activities that affect and are affected by those resources, is essential to all levels of government in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to coordinate activities in geographic information systems in order to better exchange and share information and to enhance the stewardship of geographic information in the management of public resources; and

WHEREAS, The availability of Statewide geographic information and the coordinated use of geographic information systems will assist in implementing Statewide initiatives, such as the State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the current State Mapping Advisory Committee, a volunteer organization, has been engaged in a variety of educational, communications and information sharing activities; and

WHEREAS, State agencies operate under the principles and take the actions set forth in the New Jersey State Agency Partnership Agreement for Geographic Information Resources; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to develop standards, policies, and guidelines for the development and sharing of geographic information for use by the State, other units of government, and private and non-profit entities; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to avoid duplication of effort so as to reduce the costs that would otherwise be incurred if each organization

3. The Council shall organize and meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members. The Governor shall appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Each member shall hold office for the term of appointment and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on the Council for any reason other than the expiration of the term shall have a term of appointment for the unexpired term only. A member may be appointed for any number of consecutive terms. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members.

4. The Council shall, subject to law:

(a) develop policies, standards and guidelines for the development and use of geographic information resources and systems technology for use by State and local government agencies, and private and non-profit entities, consistent with the purposes and objectives of this Executive Order;

(b) coordinate the use of geographic information resources and systems technologies to minimize redundancy and improve public administration;

(c) develop a Statewide implementation plan for geographic information systems; and

(d) promote collaboration and the sharing of geographic data and technology.

5. There is established the Office of Geographic Information Systems in the Office of Information Technology.

6. The Office of Geographic Information Systems shall, subject to law:

(a) coordinate the implementation of geographic information systems across State agencies, and ensure the adoption and use of consistent policies and standards to optimize the use of geographic information systems technology and geographic information;

(b) oversee the development and implementation of a Statewide geographic information Clearinghouse;

(c) assist State agencies in developing and improving geographic information systems capacity, and coordinate training and education for State agencies;

(d) serve as the State's liaison with national geographic information systems organizations and initiatives; and

(e) provide administrative staff support to the Council.

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Education; and two (2) members who are Construction Contractors, at least one of which is a minority or female business as defined in N.J.S.A. 52:32-19.

(c) The term of office of each public member shall be three years, except for the initial appointments which shall be made as follows: one representative from the Construction Trade Unions, one representative from the Public/Private Training Schools, and one Construction Contractor shall each be appointed for a two-year term, and the other representatives shall be appointed for a three-year term. The public members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A vacancy occurring among any of the public members, other than by expiration of term, shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term only and in the same manner as the original appointment. A member may serve until a successor is appointed.

(d) The public members of the Council shall serve without compensation but shall, subject to State appropriation, be entitled to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

3. The Council shall be co-chaired by the State Treasurer and the Commissioner of Labor and a vice-chair shall be elected by the Council from among its public members. A secretary, who need not be a member of the Council, shall be selected by the Council.

4. The Council shall organize and meet as soon as practicable after the appointment of a majority of its members.

5. The Council shall:

(a) Serve as an advisory body to the Governor on the development of recommendations for the creation and implementation of pilot or other programs designed to provide quality training to members of underrepresented groups for careers in construction;

(b) Oversee the coordination of publicly sponsored construction training programs to ensure consistency and uniformity in the implementation of such programs;

(c) Review all publicly sponsored construction training programs to determine the availability of support services for its participants such as childcare and transportation and, where none exist, encourage the development of such services in cooperation with the various State departments;

(d) Determine the feasibility of implementing similar job training/placement programs in industries other than construction trades; and

(e) Recommend to the Governor regulatory and legislative proposals that support the expansion and continuance of any training program.