

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 65

WHEREAS, The Executive Branch of State Government recognizes that the State of New Jersey is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse States of the fifty United States; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey served as the gateway to the United States for many immigrant ethnic groups, which is of historical significance to the country because of the major role these groups played in the growth and development of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State's ethnic communities are of historical significance to the State of New Jersey by virtue of the many contributions their members have made to the State's growth, development and governance, contributions which should be recorded and shared with all of the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, The wide variety of customs, languages and histories of these varied ethnic groups significantly enhances and enriches the quality of the State's social and cultural life; and

WHEREAS, The State has previously recognized and supported its ethnic communities through the New Jersey Bicentennial Ethnic Council, the re-opening of Ellis Island as a National Park and the beginning of the Liberty Park Complex, the Heritage Festivals held at the Garden State Arts Center, and the Intercultural Relations and Ethnic Studies Institute in the Rutgers University Graduate Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Awareness, appreciation and understanding of these many ethnic groups would contribute to the quality of life in the State by affirming our unity within a framework of cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, The ethnic communities in the State need still greater attention and support from the government of the State and should play a significant role in shaping the State's approach to their culture, history and needs.

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, 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 an Ethnic Advisory Council which shall advise the Governor and recommend programs and other efforts the State shall engage in regarding ethnic communities;

(a) The Council shall consist of 16 members appointed by the Governor at least 11 of whom shall be representatives of ethnic communities within the State of New Jersey. In selecting the Council membership, consideration should be given to appointing as broad a representative sample as possible of New Jersey's ethnic communities.

(b) The Commissioners of the Department of Community Affairs and Education, the Chancellor of Higher Education, the Chairman of the State Council on the Arts or their designees, and the Ethnics Community Liaison appointed by the Governor shall serve on the Council in an ex-officio capacity.

(c) All members of the Council shall be residents of the State, and shall be appointed for terms of 2 years, except that of the members initially appointed, 8 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, and 8 for a term of 2 years. The term of each of the members first appointed shall be designated by the Governor at the time of appointment.

(d) Each Council member shall hold office for the term of the appointment and until a successor shall have been qualified and appointed. Members shall not serve more than two consecutive terms notwithstanding the fact that the initial term might be less than 2 years or for the completion of an unexpired term.

(e) Council vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(f) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Council from among the members of the Council. The Chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(g) The Council shall organize itself in any manner it deems appropriate and enact by-laws as deemed necessary to carry forth the responsibilities of the Council.

2. The Council shall meet formally at least four times a year at the call of the chairman. The Council shall report annually to the Governor as to the activities of the Council.

3. The Council may make recommendations to the Governor concerning ethnic studies programs offered in the State's public

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schools, colleges, and the State University; the participation of ethnic organizations in providing community and social services; the promotion of ethnic and cultural events; the development of policies effecting ethnic neighborhoods; increasing knowledge and public awareness in ethnic history and culture; the participation of ethnic groups in governmental affairs; and such other matters as deemed appropriate to the purpose of this Executive Order.

4. Members of the Council are hereby charged with consulting with all segments of the State's ethnic communities to invite ideas and solicit suggestions in furtherance of this Executive Order.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this eleventh day of April in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and second.

/s/ BRENDAN BYRNE,
Governor.

Attest:

ROBERT E. MULCAHY, III,
Chief of Staff, Secretary.

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WHEREAS, The objective of the State government should be to promulgate only necessary, adequate, reasonable, efficient, understandable and responsive administrative rules; and

WHEREAS, A "sunset" provision in administrative rules will assure complete and periodic review of administrative rules; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the "sunset" concept was a recommendation of the Governor's Conference on Economic Priorities for Job Creation;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Brendan Byrne, 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 that: