Whereas, There exists in New Jersey a severe housing crisis which has caused and continues to cause great hardships for many of the citizens of this State; and

Whereas, There are a number of State and Federal programs and agencies charged with the responsibility to deal with certain aspects of the housing crisis; and

Whereas, Presently the Federal government must deal with numerous State and local agencies in coordinating Federal and local housing programs and this multiplicity dilutes the ability to obtain the greatest Federal support for meeting the housing crisis in New Jersey; and

Whereas, There is a continuing need for comprehensive and coordinated action on the part of the State in the area of housing to ensure the strongest possible State response, within the present framework of the law, to the housing crisis and to maximize the effectiveness of the State's program in the construction of new housing, both residential and multi-dwelling;

Now, Therefore, I, William T. Cahill, 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 in the Executive Branch the position of Special Assistant to the Governor on Housing. The Special Assistant to the Governor on Housing shall be appointed by the Governor, shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and he shall be directly responsible and report to the Governor.

2. The Special Assistant to the Governor on Housing shall review all existing programs which affect or may affect housing in New Jersey and shall make recommendations to the Governor for coordinating such programs to the end that the housing crisis in New Jersey will be most effectively dealt with. The Special Assistant
to the Governor on Housing shall also make recommendations to the Governor as to new plans and programs which may significantly alleviate the housing crisis in this State. The Special Assistant to the Governor on Housing shall have such other and further powers and duties as may, from time to time, be conferred upon him by the Governor.

3. (a) The Special Assistant to the Governor on Housing is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such statistical data, program reports, and other information or personnel and materials as he deems necessary to discharge his responsibilities under this Order.

(b) Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Special Assistant to the Governor on Housing and to furnish him such information and assistance as he may find necessary in the discharge of his responsibilities under this Order.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Given, under my hand and seal this 2nd day of June, [seal] in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-fifth.

/s/ WILLIAM T. CAHILL,
Governor.

Attest:
/s/ JEAN E. MULFORD,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 19

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey has certain interests and responsibilities in the encouragement of industry and commerce as well as the proper and orderly development of the lands and resources in this State, and in considering present and future employment needs;