EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20

WHEREAS, Developmental disabilities and attendant complex health, educational, social and economic problems afflict approximately 275,000 New Jerseyans of all ages and their families;

WHEREAS, The developmentally disabled person requires various specialized medical, educational, rehabilitative and social services at different stages of his life and according to the nature and severity of his handicap; and

WHEREAS, Numerous public and private agencies must work together in an effective continuous and coordinated manner, avoiding duplication and providing quality services to meet the needs of the developmentally disabled and to eliminate, wherever possible, the causes of such handicaps; and

WHEREAS, The necessity for coordinated action and cooperative planning in this area has been repeatedly documented and stressed by various public officials, including several Presidents of the United States and Governors of New Jersey, and by numerous private and professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 91-517 (the "Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act of 1970") requires the designation of a State Planning and Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities and sets forth certain responsibilities of such Council;

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. (a) There is hereby created within the State Department of Institutions and Agencies the "New Jersey State Developmental Disabilities Council", (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Council"). This Council shall consist of 18 members, 12 of whom shall be public members appointed by the Governor of the State of
New Jersey and 6 of whom shall be designated from within each of the following Departments of New Jersey State Government by the Commissioner of the respective Departments and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority: Community Affairs, Education, Health, Higher Education, Institutions and Agencies and Labor and Industry. The 12 public members of the Council shall be appointed so that at any time the membership of the Council shall include representatives of local agencies and non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with services for persons with developmental disabilities, and provided that not less than 6 public members be representatives of consumers of services for persons with developmental disabilities. Insofar as practical the public members shall consist of at least one resident from the following regions of the State:

(1) The region comprised of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Essex and Union Counties;

(2) The region comprised of Warren, Sussex, Morris, Somerset and Hunterdon Counties;

(3) The region comprised of Middlesex, Monmouth, Mercer, Burlington and Ocean Counties;

(4) The region comprised of Camden, Atlantic, Cape May, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties.

Each public member of the Council shall serve for a term of 3 years, and until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Terms shall commence on July 1 and vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

(b) The members of the Council shall be appointed no later than July 1, 1971. The terms of service of the first public member of the Council hereby created shall be staggered or otherwise arranged so that 4 of such members shall serve terms expiring June 30, 1974, 4 of such members shall serve terms expiring June 30, 1973, and 4 of such members shall serve terms expiring June 30, 1972. Thereafter, public members of the Council shall serve terms as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.

(c) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Council shall be filled in a manner in which the original appointment was made, but for the unexpired term. Any public member of the Council may be removed from the Council, for cause, by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and any member of the Council designated by the Commissioner of any Department may be removed, for cause, by said Commissioner.
(d) The public members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for any expenses reasonably incurred in the discharge of their official duties, subject to the availability of funds.

2. It shall be the duty of the New Jersey State Developmental Disabilities Council to:

(a) Study and review the needs and problems of the developmentally disabled in New Jersey and the nature and extent of State and other public and private services for those so handicapped, and to recommend immediate and long-range program and construction priorities;

(b) Foster cooperation and communication among State, county, municipal, voluntary and private agencies providing services to the developmentally disabled to assure that such services are delivered effectively, efficiently and without duplication;

(c) Promote public awareness of the needs and problems of the developmentally disabled and their related budgetary implications;

(d) Be responsible for reviewing and evaluating from time to time, and not less often than annually, the State Plan on Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction and submitting such appropriate modifications as may be required to the United States Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare;

(e) Make such reports, in such form and containing such information, as the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare may reasonably require, pursuant to Public Law 91–517 (1970), and keep such records and afford such access thereto as the Governor or the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports;

(f) Review and comment upon laws and practices relating to the developmentally disabled;

(g) Propose training and scholarship programs to prepare professionals to work with the developmentally disabled;

(h) Recommend training and recruitment programs to encourage employment of the developmentally disabled; and

(i) Encourage and support pertinent research efforts and preventative measures, and to stimulate planning at the community level.

3. (a) The New Jersey State Developmental Disabilities Council shall meet at the call of the Governor or its chairman, but not less than 4 times per year, and shall report annually in writing to the
Governor not later than January 1 of each year, and at such other times as the Governor may require or as the Council deems appropriate.

(b) The chairman shall be appointed by the Governor. The members of the Council may elect from among themselves a vice-chairman; may appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the Council; and may adopt By-laws and rules governing their work consistent with law.

(c) Within the limits of appropriations made available to it, the Council is hereby authorized to employ such staff as may be necessary to carry out the duties assigned to it.

(d) The Council shall be entitled to call upon any department, agency or office of the State of New Jersey for such documents, materials and information as it may deem necessary, and shall be entitled to the cooperation of every department, agency, and office of the State of New Jersey.

4. Executive Order No. 40, dated May 2, 1968, is hereby superseded and rescinded and the New Jersey Mental Retardation Planning Board created thereby is hereby abolished.

5. This Executive Order shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Given, under my hand and seal this 21st 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. 21

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 17 of 1957 designated the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury as the official State agency for New Jersey to accept and distribute, in accordance with the applicable Federal legislation, food com-