

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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the United States, the one hundred and eighty-eighth.

RICHARD J. HUGHES,
Governor.

Attest:

LAWRENCE BILDER,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 17

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has enacted and the President has approved "The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964" (hereafter referred to as the "Anti-Poverty Act"); and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Poverty Act provides for the development of numerous State and local programs to combat poverty throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Poverty Act envisages a major role for State government in the war against poverty and makes provision for grants to the State to facilitate this role; and

WHEREAS, In New Jersey such programs, if they are to be effective, efficient and economical in operation, will require the co-ordination by the State of the various activities generated by the implementation of said act; and

WHEREAS, The several State Departments have existing responsibilities for co-operating with the Federal Government in many areas involving the Anti-Poverty Act; and

WHEREAS, The Anti-Poverty Act vests in the Governor the basic responsibility for reviewing and approving activities concerning said act to be undertaken within the State; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has indicated the great urgency for the prompt implementation of said act;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD J. HUGHES, 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 the New Jersey Office of Economic Opportunity (hereinafter referred to as the "Office") which shall be a temporary office. The Office shall be under the supervision of a Director, appointed by the Governor, who shall participate in State government activities and attend all cabinet conferences. In addition to the Director, the Office shall consist of a Deputy Director appointed by the Governor and such other personnel as may be required by the Director to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order. The Director and the Deputy Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Deputy Director, in the absence of the Director, shall have the powers and authority of the Director.

2. (a) The Office, by and through the Director, shall be responsible to the Governor for the implementation of the Anti-Poverty Act in the State of New Jersey and shall report directly to him. The Office shall co-ordinate all State activities and relations with appropriate Federal agencies in connection with the Anti-Poverty Act and shall be deemed to be the agent of the various State Departments and agencies which shall undertake any program or action in connection with the Anti-Poverty Act. Every State Department and agency shall co-ordinate its programs and activities with the Office and shall consult with and be advised by the Director in regard to the implementation of the Anti-Poverty Act.

(b) The Office, by and through the Director, shall co-operate with all local agencies in their preparation of programs under the Anti-Poverty Act and shall advise and help co-ordinate local efforts and encourage local participation in such programs.

(c) The Office, by and through the Director, shall advise the Governor as to the exercise of his statutory authority concerning the approval and disapproval of proposed contracts, agreements, grants, loans or other assistance under the various provisions of the Anti-Poverty Act.

(d) The Office, by and through the Director, shall be charged with the responsibility of preparing a long-range plan for the eradication of poverty in New Jersey. Such plan shall be prepared in cooperation with the various agencies of the Federal, State, county and local governments and with appropriate private groups and associations. The plan shall be continually updated and reports on its development and progress thereunder shall be made to the Governor not less than every six months during the duration of the Office's existence.

(e) The Office, by and through the Director, shall undertake a review of the State law to determine the extent to which existing laws permit full State participation in the programs created under the Anti-Poverty Act and shall report its findings and recommendations, if any, including its recommendations for State financial participation in such programs, to the Governor on or before January 1, 1965.

3. There is hereby created, as part of the Office, a Cabinet Co-ordinating Committee which shall assist the Director in co-ordinating State programs under the Anti-Poverty Act. The Committee shall consist of the Chief Executive Officer of the following departments: Agriculture, Conservation and Economic Development, Education, Health, Institutions and Agencies, and Labor and Industry. The Director shall be chairman of the Committee and it shall meet at his call.

In addition to the above-described departments, such other departments as shall request to par-

ticipate on the Committee or shall be requested to participate on the Committee by the Director shall be made a part thereof.

4. There is hereby created, as a part of the Office, a Citizens Council for Economic Opportunity. The Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The members of the Council shall be selected with a view to representing all of the areas which are the subject of the Anti-Poverty Act. The Council shall assist the Director in carrying out the provisions of this Executive Order and, more particularly, shall assist him to encourage and develop effective local participation in said programs.

[SEAL] Given, under my hand and seal this 8th day of October in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and eighty-ninth.

RICHARD J. HUGHES,
Governor.

Attest:

LAWRENCE BILDER,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 18

I, RICHARD J. HUGHES, 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 that:

1. Friday, November 27, 1964 (the day following Thanksgiving Day) be declared an extra holiday for State employees.