

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 39

WHEREAS, The Executive Branch of State government recognizes that the State of New Jersey has increasing numbers of citizens who are homeless; and

WHEREAS, People are homeless as a result of current economic conditions, a severe shortage of affordable housing, increased stress due to the complexity of daily living; and

WHEREAS, Special problems are experienced by some homeless individuals with impaired physical and mental functioning or dependency on drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, The problems of the homeless are caused by a host of complex factors that need to be addressed through a concerted, coordinated effort by the government and the private sector;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby created a committee to be known as the Governor's Task Force on the Homeless (hereafter referred to as "task force").

2. The task force shall consist of the Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services, Community Affairs, Health, Labor and the Public Advocate, in addition to 14 public members to be selected by the Governor. The public members shall be selected from among representatives of nonprofit organizations concerned with the homeless.

3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall act as chairman of the task force, with the co-chairman being designated by the Governor from among the public membership. The members shall serve without compensation.

4. The task force shall be charged with the following responsibilities relating to the prevention, study and control of the plight of the homeless:

- a. Recommend and advise the Governor on policy relating to the homeless;