

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 72

WHEREAS, The incidence of mental retardation is a critical public concern; and

WHEREAS, The President's Committee on Mental Retardation has identified mental retardation as America's number one health problem affecting children today; and

WHEREAS, The "Proposal for the Prevention of Mental Retardation in New Jersey," prepared by the New Jersey Association for Retarded Citizens in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, recommends a cabinet-level task force to address the issue of prevention;

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 in the Governor's Office a Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation, which will serve until January 1, 1986.

a. The Council shall consist of no more than 25 public members appointed by the Governor. The members shall be appointed from among persons representing consumers, professionals in mental retardation, and persons representing the private sector.

b. The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services, Education, Health, Environmental Protection and/or their designees, shall also serve on the council.

c. Council vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainders of the unexpired terms.

d. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Council from among the members of the Council, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

e. The Council may further organize itself in any manner it deems appropriate and enact bylaws as deemed necessary to carry forth the responsibilities of the Council.

2. The Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation shall:

a. Study the issue of the prevention of mental retardation and draft a report, which shall be submitted to the Governor on or before June 30, 1985, which should include recommendations for action;

b. Mobilize citizens and community agencies in a strong, prevention-oriented, aggressive effort to address the issue of prevention;

c. Develop mechanisms to facilitate early detection;

d. Foster cooperative working relationships among responsible agencies; and

e. Provide other information on prevention as the Governor may request.

3. The Council, in performing its charge, shall consult with existing agencies for planning, coordination and delivery of prevention services to families at the State, county and local levels.

4. The Departments of Human Services, Education, Health, Environmental Protection are authorized and directed, to the extent consistent with the law, to cooperate with the Council and to furnish it with such staff, office space and supplies as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued May 24, 1984.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 73

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Pinelands, a million-acre expanse located in the midst of the country's most densely populated region, has been recognized as a national environmental treasure; and

WHEREAS, The Pinelands Protection Act was formulated in order to preserve and protect this environmentally sensitive region; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Pinelands Protection Act, a Comprehensive Management Plan was adopted by the Pinelands Commission, which sets forth a strategy for protecting the unique natural qualities of the Pinelands; and