

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 156

WHEREAS, The history of the people of Eastern Europe, of various nationalities existing within the Soviet Union and of other captive nations existing under the oppression of the Soviet Union is an integral part of New Jersey's public school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of those ethnic factions have indicated that their history as presented in public school curriculum is often inaccurate and misleading; and

WHEREAS, It is desirous and beneficial to educate our children about the true and accurate historical events concerning the people of Eastern Europe and of other nationalities existing under the oppression of the Soviet Union; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 69 created a Governor's Commission on Eastern European and Captive Nation History in an effort to conduct a thorough study of any inaccuracies in our public school curriculum dealing with the history of the people of Eastern Europe, of various nationalities existing within the Soviet Union and of other nations existing under the oppression of the Soviet Union and to report to the Governor and the State Board of Education on such findings along with recommendations for correcting those inaccuracies; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Commission on Eastern European and Captive Nation History has met frequently over the past several years and has undertaken a comprehensive review of all teaching implements used in the public school curriculum concerning these nationalities; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has determined that its work has not been completed and its mandate from the Governor has not yet been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, The Commission plans to complete its charge as set forth in Executive Order No. 69;

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. The Governor's Commission on Eastern European and Captive Nation History shall continue in existence until December 31, 1987.

2. The Commission shall submit its final report and recommendations to the Governor and the State Board of Education at that time.

3. The current members of the Commission shall continue to serve in their present capacity until December 31, 1987.

4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued January 12, 1987.