

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Executive Order No. 130, the Commission, on December 31, 1986, is required to submit to the Governor a final report of its findings and recommendations, if any, on improving the public procurement systems in the State; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has determined that further work is necessary to complete its task of surveying and evaluating the myriad of Statewide procurement provisions;

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 Commission shall continue in existence until October 31, 1987.
2. The Commission shall submit its final recommendations to the Governor at that time, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
3. The current members of the Commission shall continue to serve in their present capacity until October 31, 1987.
4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued May 8, 1987.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 172

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Turnpike Authority was created by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Act of 1948 (P.L. 1948, c. 454) as an autonomous instrumentality of the State exercising public and essential governmental functions in the construction, operation and maintenance of the revenue-financed facility known as the New Jersey Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Highway Authority was created by the New Jersey Highway Authority Act (P.L. 1952, c. 16) as an autonomous instrumentality of the State exercising public and essential governmental functions in the construction, operation and maintenance of the revenue-financed facility known as the Garden State Parkway; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Expressway Authority was created by the New Jersey Expressway Authority Act (P.L. 1962, c. 10) as an autonomous instrumentality of the State exercising public and

essential governmental functions in the construction, operation and maintenance of the revenue-financed facility known as the Atlantic City Expressway; and

WHEREAS, The Governor is charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the public interest pursuant to the enabling legislation creating these Authorities which states that each Authority action shall not take effect until the Governor has reviewed and approved such proposed action; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of these highways and incidental subordinate operations may have impact upon important legitimate local interests which must be given due regard and fairly considered by those Authorities charged with the responsibility of effectuating the public objective in a reasonable fashion; and

WHEREAS, There exists the need to balance the best interests of the entire State, for which the concept of these transportation facilities was designed, with the concerns of those local governmental authorities and private individuals potentially impacted by a proposed project; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the vital importance of public input to the implementation of transportation projects so as to identify community values and concerns with respect to the nature of the alternatives and the concerns and constraints that need to be accounted for in order to safeguard the public interest; and

WHEREAS, To assure that potential adverse effects and local concerns relating to any proposed project on these highways have been fully considered in the development of such project, and that the final decisions on the project are made in the best overall public interest; taking into consideration the need for fast, safe and efficient transportation and attendant services, and the cost of minimizing such adverse effects on communities and natural resources and the disruption of community cohesion and aesthetic values;

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. Within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Executive Order, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the New Jersey Highway Authority and the New Jersey Expressway Authority shall adopt, by

formal resolution of their Boards, a policy and implementing procedures to ensure the provision of comprehensive information as well as the opportunity for maximum public comment as part of the project development process for Authority highway projects.

2. The policy and procedures for public participation shall, at a minimum, provide mechanisms for:

a. Adequate public notice to advise of a proposed project that is not an emergency or routine maintenance project; and

b. A forum which permits the Authority to make a public presentation of its plans and which allows those affected to adequately voice their opinions, recommendations and suggestions in a timely manner; and

c. The Authority to evaluate and respond to all public comments as an integral part of the project development process.

Issued May 20, 1987.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 173

WHEREAS, The incidence of child abuse in New Jersey is a critical public concern; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse affects not only children, but the family and community as well, and is a threat to the future productive capacity and enlightened citizenship of its victims; and

WHEREAS, By Executive Order No. 51 there was created a Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse (the "Task Force") with a mandate to serve until January 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 110 reinstated the Task Force and changed its title to the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Task Force have addressed with dedication the problem of child abuse and neglect within the State, initiated preventative programs, and endeavored to educate the public as to the serious social problem affecting the lives and well-being of the children of our State; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 110 expired on January 1, 1987; and