

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 205

WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey's rural and urban communities are rich in a variety of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, There is an increasing demand being placed upon these natural resources to support the State's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, A clear awareness among the public of the frailty of these natural resources is necessary to protect the health and preserve the quality of life of the State's citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to provide the State's citizenry with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values, attitudes, commitment and skills needed to protect and enhance these aspects of our environment;

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 the Commission on Environmental Education which shall:

a. identify specific information on the protection and enhancement of the environment which should be communicated to the State's citizenry;

b. propose a plan of actions and programs, including educational initiatives, which should be undertaken to ensure that this information is communicated to the State's citizenry; and

c. provide recommendations regarding measures that should be undertaken by individual and corporate citizens of New Jersey to conform behavior toward protection and enhancement of the environment.

2. The Commission shall consist of 22 members including:

a. two representatives from academia in the fields of environmental education and/or environmental science;

b. one representative of the clergy;

c. two representatives from labor/industry;

d. two representatives from cultural institutions including, but not limited to, organizations such as museums and nature centers;

- e. three public or private school teachers, one from each of the following groupings—grades kindergarten to third, grades fourth to sixth, and grades seventh to twelfth;
- f. one representative from school administration;
- g. one representative from a local school board;
- h. two representatives from non-partisan, public interest groups;
- i. two representatives from the medical and/or health profession;
- j. two non-academic science professionals;
- k. two representatives from environmental education groups;
- l. the Commissioner of Education, or his designee; and
- m. the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or his designee.

3. The Commission shall provide all individuals or organizations so inclined with the opportunity to provide written and/or oral testimony.

4. The Commission shall establish a work schedule and report its findings to the Governor no later than April 23, 1990.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued April 24, 1989.

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WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 11, dated July 23, 1982, created an Ethnic Advisory Council to advise the Governor regarding the needs of the ethnic communities in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Through Executive Order No. 11, the Executive Branch of government has recognized that the State of New Jersey is one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse states in the country; and

WHEREAS, The wide variety of customs, languages and histories of these varied ethnic groups has significantly enhanced and enriched the quality of the State's cultural and social life; and