

WHEREAS, The continued influx of new ethnic groups into New Jersey has precipitated the need to increase our awareness, appreciation and understanding of each of these new ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, Increasing the membership of the Ethnic Advisory Council to include representatives from these new groups will allow for a better understanding of their contributions and needs;

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

1. Section 2(a) of Executive Order No. 11 is hereby amended as follows:

“2(a). The Council shall consist of 26 members appointed by the Governor. At least 14 of these appointees shall be representatives of ethnic communities within the State of New Jersey. In selecting the Council membership, consideration shall be given to appointing as broad a representative sample as possible of New Jersey’s ethnic communities. All new members of the Ethnic Advisory Council who are appointed upon the effective date of this Order shall serve a full two-year term from the date of this Order.”

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued April 25, 1989.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 207

WHEREAS, An individual’s right to vote is a fundamental right that serves as the bulwark of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals do not exercise their right to vote because they are unaware of registration requirements or do not have access to voter registration applications; and

WHEREAS, The State is in a unique position to make voter registration applications available to its citizens and thereby assure that they have the opportunity to exercise their fundamental right to vote;

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 DIRECT:

1. State departments shall make mail voter registration applications available to their employees. In addition, State departments that have regular contact with the public in their daily administration of business, including, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Health, the Department of Higher Education, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Labor, the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Department of State, shall make mail voter registration applications available at their public offices. These applications shall be placed in visible locations at these offices so as to be readily accessible to members of the public. Signs clearly indicating that applications are available shall be posted at these offices.

2. State departments that have regular contact with the public are requested to assist persons in registering to vote by:

- a. Upon request, assisting persons in completing the registration forms, including witnessing those forms; and
- b. Collecting completed forms and forwarding them to the proper election office.

3. Employees of the State departments that have regular contact with the public shall receive adequate training to insure the proper completion of voter registration forms. This training shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Proper completion of forms; and
- b. Knowledge of basic registration information, including registration deadlines and when registration or reregistration is required.

4. State employees participating in this program shall adhere to strict neutrality with respect to a person's political party enrollment. State employees shall make it clear whenever necessary that the receipt of State services does not depend in any way on whether a person is registered to vote.

5. The Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State shall supervise the implementation, administration and effective operation of this program. The responsibilities of the Election Division shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Planning and coordinating State employee training sessions and the distribution of registration materials; and
- b. Compiling and submitting a report to the Governor on the

progress of the program and the number of completed registration forms collected by each participating State department.

6. This Order shall supersede Executive Order No. 194 and shall become effective one month following signature.

Issued May 25, 1989.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 208

WHEREAS, On April 25, 1988, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, I signed a Sister State Agreement with Israel as a symbol of the potential for cooperation that exists between our two states; and

WHEREAS, This Agreement calls for the development of trade, cultural and educational exchanges, in addition to encouraging the development of capital investment and joint business ventures; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of a New Jersey-Israel Commission will enhance New Jersey's ability to implement the stated goals of this Agreement and will help to foster a spirit of cooperation between the citizens of the State of Israel and the citizens of the State of New Jersey;

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 Commission to be known as the New Jersey-Israel commission (hereinafter referred to as "Commission").

2. The Commission shall consist of a minimum of 15 members and a maximum of 100 members. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate the co-chairpersons of the Commission from among the members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

3. The Commission shall report directly to the Director of the Office of Sister State Relations.

4. The Commission shall assist the Office of Sister State Relations by recommending a plan for a broad series of exchanges between the State of New Jersey and the State of Israel.