Executive Orders

State of New Jersey,
Executive Department.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 49

Whereas, Various principal departments of State Government have responsibilities for programs affecting seasonal farm laborers; and

Whereas, It is most appropriate that those responsibilities be discharged and those programs executed in as coordinated a manner as possible; and

Whereas, The recent report of the Governor's Task Force on Migrant Labor indicated the need for further efforts by agencies of this State to improve the lot of the seasonal farm worker; and

Whereas, It is desirable that there be created an interdepartmental agency for the purpose of formulating long-range policy with regard to the problems of seasonal farm workers; Now, Therefore,

I, Richard J. Hughes, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. (a) There is hereby created in the Executive Office of the Governor an Interdepartmental Cabinet Coordinating Committee on Seasonal Farm Labor (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee").

(b) The Committee shall be chaired by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, and shall consist of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioners of Health, Education, Community Affairs and Institutions and Agencies. Each of said chief executive officers shall be entitled to designate an employee of his department to serve in his stead.

2. (a) The Committee, by and through the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, shall be responsible to the Governor for the develop-
ment, implementation and coordination of programs affecting seasonal farm laborers in the State of New Jersey. The Committee shall coordinate all State activities and relations with appropriate Federal agencies in connection with seasonal farm labor.

(b) The Committee, by and through the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, shall cooperate with all agencies of county and local government in the development, implementation and coordination by said agencies of programs affecting seasonal farm labor, and shall advise and help coordinate efforts and participation by said agencies.

(c) The Committee, by and through the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, shall undertake a review of State law to determine the extent to which existing laws affecting seasonal farm labor are in need of reform.

3. The Committee, by and through the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, shall review the Report of the Governor's Task Force on Migrant Labor and other relevant material and shall be charged with the responsibility of preparing a long-range plan concerning seasonal farm labor in New Jersey. Said plan shall be formulated in cooperation with the various agencies of Federal, State, county and local governments and with appropriate private groups. The plan shall be continually updated and reports on its development and progress thereunder shall be made to the Governor no less than every six months for the existence of the Committee.

4. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

[seal] Given, under my hand and seal this 13th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-third.

/s/ RICHARD J. HUGHES,
Governor.

Attest:

/s/ ALAN J. KARCHER,
Acting Secretary to the Governor.