4. Friday, January 2, 1970 (the day following New Year's Day) shall be declared an extra holiday for State employees.

Given, under my hand and seal this 9th day of December, 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-fourth.

/s/ RICHARD J. HUGHES,
Governor.

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

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 61

WHEREAS, There are several departments within the Executive Branch of the State of New Jersey having jurisdiction in whole or part over the construction and maintenance of various classes of buildings; and

WHEREAS, These departments have, to varying degree, the power and responsibility for promulgation, administration and interpretation of codes and regulations pertaining to the construction and maintenance of various classes of public and private buildings including homes, offices, hospitals, institutions, schools and colleges; and

WHEREAS, The multiple jurisdiction and administration pertinent to establishment and enforcement of standards for the construction and maintenance of various classes of buildings, can and does work undue hardship upon builders, owners and other persons and parties concerned with the construction and maintenance of real property; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of economy and efficiency and the citizens of the State of New Jersey that there be, to the greatest extent possible, uniformity of standards and the enforcement and interpretation thereof, on the State level; and
WHEREAS, The United States Government and numerous professional groups, boards and organizations have endorsed and encouraged the unification of construction and maintenance standards and the enforcement and administration thereof at all levels of government; 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. There is hereby created a Temporary Inter-Departmental Study Commission which shall consist of one representative from each department as designated by his respective commissioner as follows: Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Health, Department of Community Affairs, Department of Education, Department of Higher Education, Department of Treasury, Department of Institutions and Agencies, and Department of Conservation and Economic Development and a representative of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Such designation shall be made, in writing, to the Governor on or before December 22nd; and the commission shall hold its first meeting upon call of the Governor, but no later than January 15, 1970. Thereafter the commission shall meet as frequently as may be necessary upon the call of its chairman. The chairman of the commission shall be selected from amongst the representatives by the Governor.

2. The commission is directed to make a thorough study of all State administrative units and functions thereof which pertain to the promulgation and or enforcement of any codes, regulations or standards effecting the construction or maintenance of any class of building within the State of New Jersey, whether private or public, for the following purposes:

(a) To make recommendations for the consolidation of all construction and maintenance standards, whether legislative or administrative, into a single unified code to be administered by the various departments and agencies of State Government with respect to those classes of buildings under their respective jurisdictions; and

(b) To make recommendations for the administrative consolidation or coordination of all enforcement and review proceedings and activities on the part of the various concerned departments; and
(c) To make recommendations for administrative procedures to assure uniformity in official interpretation of standards and the application of variances and exceptions; and

(d) To make recommendations for procedures to assure public awareness of State standards and requirements; and

(e) To make recommendations regarding joint testing of materials; and

(f) To recommend such legislation as may be expedient or necessary to achieve or implement any such matter as recommended by the commission.

3. The commission may hold public hearings or sessions as it deems appropriate.

4. The commission shall report to the Governor upon its progress, on the first day of each quarter during its existence and shall transmit its final report and recommendations to the Governor no later than January 1, 1971.

5. Each department, office, division, agency or bureau of the State is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the Study Commission created herein and to furnish to it such assistance, material and information as the Study Commission may request of it as necessary for the performance of its duties.

6. If, during its study, the commission finds that other departments or agencies of State Government have jurisdiction which is relevant the commission shall make recommendation to the Governor that he direct the commissioner or Chief Executive Officer to designate a representative to represent that department or agency and to serve on the commission as directed herein.

Given, under my hand and seal the 12th day of December in the year of Our Lord, the one thousand nine hundred and sixty-ninth, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-fourth.

/seal/ /s/ RICHARD J. HUGHES,
Governor.

Attest:

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