c. "State agency" shall mean any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of State government, any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency;

d. "Relative" shall mean a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, great-grandfather, great-grandmother, brother, sister, nephew, niece, uncle, or aunt. Relatives by adoption, half-blood, marriage or remarriage shall be treated as relatives of the whole kinship.

8. Executive Order No. 15 of Governor Brendan Byrne and any subsequent Executive Orders issued in conjunction therewith are rescinded, and any regulations adopted and promulgated thereunder shall be null and void.

9. This Order shall be given effect retroactively to the 19th day of January, 1982.

Issued February 11, 1982.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 3

WHEREAS, According to the most recent weather reports, in hand as of 1:45 p.m. today, April 6, 1982, severe weather conditions, including snow and high winds have made State roadways hazardous to travel in certain counties in the northern part of the State, more particularly, the Counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren; and

WHEREAS, Also according to the most recent weather reports, travel conditions in such counties are expected to worsen throughout the day and early evening; and

WHEREAS, The storm poses a serious threat and danger to the health, safety and resources of the residents of such counties, who are compelled to travel and is too large in scope to be handled in its entirety by normal municipal operating services; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to N. J. S. 18A:14–2, Statewide school board elections are required to be conducted on Tuesday, April 6, 1982; and
WHEREAS, The residents of such counties are presently faced with the choice of exercising their constitutional franchise, or endangering their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and statutes of the State of New Jersey, particularly the provisions of the Laws of 1942, chapter 251 (C. App. A:9–30 et seq.) and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of New Jersey certain emergency powers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of New Jersey, do DECLARE and PROCLAIM that a state of emergency exists in the Counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren.

FURTHERMORE, in accordance with the Laws of 1942, chapter 251, as supplemented and amended, I do hereby PROMULGATE and DECLARE that annual school board elections scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 1982, in the Counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren shall be, and they are hereby, suspended until next Tuesday, April 13, 1982, at the same time, locations and under the same circumstances as though such elections were held on Tuesday, April 6, 1982.

FURTHERMORE, I ORDER and DIRECT that all voting machines in such counties being used in the school board elections be immediately impounded and sealed, that any votes already cast in such elections not be tallied until the close of polls on Tuesday, April 13, 1982, and that all voting registers, absentee ballots, and other voting related material be immediately impounded by those local officials responsible for said elections and remain impounded until the opening of the polls on Tuesday, April 13, 1982.

FURTHERMORE, in accordance with the Laws of 1942, chapter 251, as supplemented and amended, I do hereby PROMULGATE and DECLARE the following regulations, which shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey, to be in effect in the affected counties until such time as it is declared by me that an emergency no longer exists:

1. All travel, other than that necessary to provide essential
services, whether public or private, is discouraged for the purpose of facilitating snow removal.

2. All businesses, including places of public entertainment, which do not perform essential services are requested to suspend operations.

3. Citizens are encouraged to stay tuned to public broadcast stations for further announcements relating to the storm emergency, should they be necessary.

Issued April 6, 1982.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 4

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3, declaring a state of emergency in several counties of this State, was issued on April 6, 1982, because of severe weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, The severity of the weather conditions necessitating the declaration of a state of emergency has eased;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas H. Kean, Governor of the State of New Jersey, announce that the state of emergency is hereby terminated effective 1 p.m., April 7, 1982, and that those portions of my Executive Order dated April 6, 1982, suspending in the affected counties the annual school board elections and impounding and sealing the voting machines, securing election material, and precluding a tally of votes cast will continue to remain in effect. However, because of the incidence of school holidays, State holidays, and religious observances, the election is hereby further suspended until April 20, 1982, and the provisions of Executive Order No. 3 pertaining to the suspension are hereby also extended to April 20, 1982.

It is urged, however, that motorists continue to use discretion and caution in traveling, as the main roads, while clear, may be slippery.

I wish to express my gratitude to the people of New Jersey for the manner in which they cooperated during this emergency and to the law enforcement and emergency response personnel, school board and other officials for their untiring efforts.

Issued April 7, 1982.