3. The Council shall meet formally at least four times a year at the call of the Chairman. The Council shall report annually to the Governor as to the activities of the Council.

4. The Council may make recommendations to the Governor concerning ethnic studies programs offered in the State's public schools, colleges, and the State University; the participation of ethnic organizations in providing community and social services; the promotion of ethnic and cultural events; the development of policies affecting ethnic neighborhoods; increasing knowledge and public awareness on ethnic history and culture; the participation of ethnic groups in governmental affairs; and such other matters as deemed appropriate to the purpose of this Executive Order.

5. Members of the Council are hereby charged with consulting with all segments of the State's ethnic communities to invite ideas and solicit suggestions in furtherance of this Executive Order.

6. The members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, if funds are available.


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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 12

WHEREAS, It is important to the future economic health of this State to attract new businesses and the concomitant jobs and income which benefit all of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, An important part of this effort to attract new businesses will involve the State's ability to encourage and support the development of high technology industries and applied research in science and technology, and also will depend on the availability of workers in the State who are trained in the sciences and technology; and

WHEREAS, The State's ability to support the development of high technology industries and to ensure the availability of highly trained workers will depend on a cooperative effort by the State's industry, labor, institutions of higher education, and government;

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 Commission on Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"). The members of the Commission shall include the following: six representatives from industry within the State; six representatives from the State’s higher education community; the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development; the Chancellor of Higher Education; a representative of the Governor’s office; two members of the Senate, who shall not be of the same political party, to be appointed by the Governor after consultation with the President of the Senate; two members of the General Assembly, who shall not be of the same political party, to be appointed by the Governor after consultation with the Speaker of the General Assembly; and one public member with a background in labor, to be appointed by the Governor. The Chairman shall be designated by the Governor. The members shall serve without compensation, but public members shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. In the absence of the Chairman, the Chancellor of Higher Education or the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development, who shall be designated as Vice-Chairmen of the Commission, shall have all the powers and duties of the Chairman.

2. The Chairman shall preside over the meetings and affairs of the Commission and shall create such subcommittees as he deems appropriate to carry out the functions of the Commission. The Chairman shall have such further powers and duties as may be conferred upon him by the Governor. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen of the Commission shall have all the powers and duties of the Chairman or such powers as may be additionally conferred upon them by the Governor.

3. The Commission shall conduct a thorough study and make recommendations for actions to improve the scientific and technological research and instructional capabilities in the State, and shall determine the requirements of industry, labor, higher education and government in undertaking a joint effort to encourage the development of a high technology economy in the State. In making its recommendations, the Commission shall address the following considerations:

(a) An analysis of research facility and equipment needs;
(b) The identification of economic obstacles and incentives for high technology development;
(c) An analysis of the engineering and computer science capabilities of the institutions of higher education in the State;
(d) The identification of those applications of research and development which will encourage new business activity and employment within the State;

(e) The feasibility of establishing selected industrial-academic "centers of excellence" in specific technical fields;

(f) The requirements for training a more technology-oriented work force at all levels of employment within the State;

(g) Specific actions for inducing high technology industry to establish and maintain research, development, and production operations in the State.

4. The Commission shall proceed promptly with its study and investigation and shall render as soon as practicable to the Governor and Legislature a report of its findings and recommendations, which shall include a plan for the development of a high technology economy in this State by industry, labor, higher education and government.

5. In order to carry out its functions, the Commission may conduct public meetings and hearings and solicit information from the public and any other source as it deems appropriate. If held, notice of public hearings shall be given in such manner as the Chairman may direct to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to be heard.

6. (a) The Commission is authorized to call upon any department, office, division or agency of the State to supply such data, program reports, and other information, personnel or assistance as it deems necessary to discharge its responsibilities under this Order.

(b) Each department, office, division or agency of the State is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Commission and to furnish it with such information, personnel and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

7. The Departments of Higher Education, and Commerce and Economic Development, to the extent their budgets allow, shall pay the expenses of the Commission, and through those Departments, the Commission is authorized to purchase services and to contract with consultants for assistance not otherwise available from any department, office, division, or agency of the State, as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.