WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey is one of the most heavily populated and trafficked states in the union by reason of its population density, tourist attractions and location; and

WHEREAS, The State has three well-maintained road systems that handle much of the longer-distance driving in the State, namely the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Expressway; and

WHEREAS, These three roads are operated by three separate authorities—the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, the New Jersey Highway Authority and the New Jersey Expressway Authority (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Authorities”)—which are unrelated to one another and have their own staffs and administrative structures; and

WHEREAS, There is a great need to coordinate and integrate the activities of the Authorities with the State of New Jersey’s State Transportation Plan and overall transportation needs and goals, as well as to maximize operating efficiencies;

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 that:

1. There is created a New Jersey Authorities Committee, composed of seven members as follows:
   a. The Commissioner of Transportation, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee; and
   b. The Treasurer, or his designee, who shall be the Vice-Chairman; and
   c. Five other members, appointed by the Governor, who are well-informed as to the needs of the State’s motorists and commuters.

2. The Committee shall make recommendations as to how the Authorities can utilize their resources more effectively to meet State and regional transportation needs.

3. The Committee shall further investigate to what extent enabling legislation and bond covenants of the Authorities have in any
way limited the Authorities' ability to be more actively involved in advancing the State's overall transportation goals and to make recommendations regarding legislative changes and other remedial action, if appropriate.

4. The Committee shall also determine what joint role the Authorities can play in the development of highway or transportation projects that may be of assistance to the State's citizens.

5. In order to effectuate the purpose of this Executive Order, the members of the Committee and advisors to the Committee shall have access to all necessary information, records and documents concerning the past, present and future operations of the Authorities. Members of the Authorities and the staff of the Authorities shall fully cooperate with the Committee in the performance of its duties.

6. The Committee shall consult with individuals in the private sector who are knowledgeable regarding financial, legal, transportation and institutional matters.

7. The Department of Transportation shall make available to the Committee such professional, technical and administrative assistance as may be necessary for the Committee to complete its work.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 26

WHEREAS, Considerable controversy exists in the field of public employee labor relations with respect to the appropriate scope of negotiations, the identification of those issues which are properly subject to labor negotiations and binding arbitration and those issues which are considered management prerogatives and hence negotiable, and the extent to which there should be a category of issues which are permissive and may be negotiated at the discretion of the parties; and

WHEREAS, Existing statutory and administrative procedures available to resolve disputes in the area of public employee relations may be so time-consuming and expensive that the benefits of those procedures are thereby diluted; and