EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 51

WHEREAS, The incidence of child abuse in New Jersey is a critical public concern; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse affects not only children, but the family and community as well, and is a threat to the future productive capacity and enlightened citizenship of its victims; and

WHEREAS, The Report of the Working Group on Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations in New Jersey, an operational committee established in December 1982 by the Department of Human Services and the Attorney General’s office to assess the current status of child abuse and neglect cases, recommended a cabinet-level task force to address the issue of child abuse;

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 in the Governor’s office a Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse, which will serve until January 1, 1985:
   a. The task force shall consist of no more than 10 public members appointed by the Governor. The members shall be appointed from among persons representing prosecutors’ offices, police departments, physicians, hospitals, schools, civic groups, public housing authorities, child advocacy organizations and service agencies.
   b. The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services, Education, Health, Corrections, the Public Advocate and Community Affairs, or their designees, the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, the Attorney General and the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, or their designees, shall also serve on the task force.
   c. Task force vacancies shall be filled by appointments by the Governor for the remainders of the unexpired terms.
   d. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Services shall serve as the chairperson of the task force, and the Governor shall designate the co-chairperson of the task force from among the public membership.
   e. The task force may further organize itself in any manner it deems appropriate and enact bylaws as deemed necessary to carry forth the responsibilities of the task force.
2. The Governor’s Task Force on Child Abuse shall, with the assistance of local child service, health and educational agencies, the courts, business and labor unions, religious organizations, child advocacy groups, and State, county or municipal departments:
   a. Study the problem of child abuse in New Jersey and make recommendations for corrective action;
   b. Mobilize citizens and community agencies in a strong, prevention-oriented, proactive effort to address child abuse;
   c. Develop mechanisms to facilitate early detection and appropriate services to the victims of child abuse and their families and foster cooperative working relationships between responsible agencies; and
   d. Provide other information on child abuse as the Governor may request.

3. The task force shall meet formally at least monthly during the life of the task force.

4. The task force shall, in performing this duty, recognize existing mechanisms for planning and coordination of services to children at the State, county and local levels, including, but not limited to, the Youth Services Commission, the Human Services Advisory Council and the Governor’s Committee on Children’s Services Planning, and shall consult with them as to their respective roles in addressing child abuse.

5. The Department of Human Services is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with the law, to cooperate with the task force and to furnish it with such staff, office space and supplies as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued November 16, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 52

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 35 created a Governor’s Committee on Children’s Services Planning; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this committee was to review the findings of the Commission on Children’s Services and make recommendations to improve the quality of services for the children and youth of this State; and
of the Hudson River waterfront and shall seek to identify potential additional financing sources for waterfront development along the Hudson River.

6. There is hereby also created the Governor's Hudson River Waterfront Office, to be headquartered in Hudson County, which shall coordinate waterfront development activities, facilitate communication between community leaders, State agencies and private developers concerning waterfront development, and otherwise implement the recommendations and programs developed by the committee.

7. Each department, office, division and agency of the State is authorized and directed to cooperate with the committee and the Waterfront Office and, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to make available to them such professional, technical and administrative assistance and such other information and resources as may be necessary for the committee and the office to carry out their assigned responsibilities.

8. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued November 21, 1983.

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 54

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1983, I proclaimed the establishment of an Inter-Agency Procurement Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Branch recognizes the need to coordinate the procurement activities of all departments and agencies of State government; and

WHEREAS, Governmental efficiency and administrative convenience require that one or another qualified and responsible person be on call to serve as the chairperson of the Inter-Agency Procurement Committee;

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: