1. Section 2(a) of Executive Order No. 11 is hereby amended as follows:

2(a) The Council shall consist of 23 members appointed by the Governor. At least 14 of these appointees shall be representatives of ethnic communities within the State of New Jersey. In selecting the Council membership, consideration shall be given to appointing as broad a representative sample as possible of New Jersey's ethnic communities. All new members of the Ethnic Advisory Council who are appointed upon the effective date of this Order shall serve a full two-year term from the date of this Order.

3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued May 7, 1985.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 100

WHEREAS, The support of new construction in New Jersey is a continuing and important need vital to the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, The promotion of new construction requires prompt and efficient administration by the State and local governments of permit application and review procedures; and

WHEREAS, The objective of State government should be to consolidate and simplify identification and application procedures and forms in order to serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, The State has successfully implemented programs for the review of construction permits within 90 days of submission of the application; and

WHEREAS, A Cabinet Committee on Permit Coordination advised by a Citizens' Committee and established by Executive Order No. 57 of Governor Byrne has successfully initiated programs to improve permit application processing by State government; and
WHEREAS, The ever-changing construction-related regulatory framework merits ongoing attention of its impact on State permit systems and continued efforts to seek innovative solutions to further improve the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, Previously implemented improvements must serve as the foundation for an expanded and strengthened effort at simplifying and expediting the State permit process;

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 hereby reconstituted a Cabinet Committee on Permit Coordination ("the Committee"). The members of the Committee shall be the Commissioners of the Departments of Commerce and Economic Development, Community Affairs, Environmental Protection, Transportation and Treasury, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Treasury, and the Chief of the Office of Business Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, or their designees. The Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development shall serve as chairperson. The Chief of the Office of Business Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, shall serve as Executive Director to the Committee, and shall provide staff from his office to assist the Committee at its request. The Committee may also obtain the assistance of other personnel of State departments and agencies. All departments and agencies are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Committee's request for personnel.

2. Any person proposing to commence a construction project may request the Committee to coordinate the review of the project. The Committee or its representative may meet with the applicant to discuss methods to assist the prompt and efficient processing of permit applications. After review of the nature of the project, the Executive Director shall designate a Permit Coordination Officer from the Office of Business Advocacy as the expeditor for the project. The expeditor shall (a) advise the applicant of State permits necessary for the construction of the project, (b) coordinate contacts with relevant State agencies reviewing the permits, (c) discuss with State departments and agencies the feasibility of
consolidating hearings, documentation or other matters pertaining to the project, (d) advise the Committee of problems or delays experienced in the review and (e) assist the applicant and the Committee in completing the expeditious review of permit applications.

3. The Committee shall actively encourage the construction industry to utilize the now-developed "One Stop" Permit Identification System. The Office of Business Advocacy, reacting to information provided by the applicant, will identify each department with a potential review interest in the project. These departments shall determine required permits and report those findings in accordance with established procedures. The Office of Business Advocacy shall summarize these findings and respond to each qualified applicant with a complete listing of required State permits within 15 working days of receipt of the application. The Committee shall continue to refine and update the "One Stop" Permit Identification System as conditions warrant.

4. Priority processing status may be granted to a specific permit application by the Chairperson of the Committee if all of the following conditions are met: (a) the project was processed through the Permit Identification System and a permit requirement was not identified; (b) the failure to identify a permit requirement was not due to omission or misinformation by the applicant, or a consequence of substantive revisions to the project following identification; and (c) permit review has been completed or substantially completed on the permits identified by the Office of Business Advocacy. Upon granting priority status to a construction application, the Executive Director shall notify the commissioner of the appropriate State department. The State department shall approve, condition or disapprove an application with priority status in a period not to exceed 10 working days of notification. If the department is unable to comply with this time frame, the commissioner shall notify the Chairman in writing of the schedule that can be met for the specific application.

5. A State department shall use its best efforts to approve, condition or disapprove an application for a construction permit within 90 days following the date the application is complete. Each State department shall file a periodic report as the Committee may direct, which identifies those construction permit applications which are pending review for periods in excess of 90 days from submission. The report shall provide (a) the status
of the permit review, (b) the type of project, (c) the reasons for
delays or extensions in the time for review, (d) the estimated
additional time needed to complete review of the application and
(e) any additional information requested by the Committee. The
Committee may request additional information from the depart-
ment of particular applications which in its judgment are pending
for excessive periods of time, or which require special review or
procedures. At the request of a commissioner of a department,
the Committee may exempt for good cause types of permits or
individual permit applications from any of the provisions of this
Order. The Committee shall advise the Governor of types of
permit reviews which are consistently exceeding 90 days, and rec-
ommend any appropriate actions.

6. The Committee shall update the handbook, "Directory of
State Programs for Regulating Construction," on a regular basis,
with the cooperation of all agencies and departments which ad-
minister construction permits.

7. The Committee shall review relevant legislation and regula-
tory proposals concerning construction permit applications and
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procedures necessary to achieve the purposes of this Order. The
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Permit Coordination composed of nine citizens of the State, ap-
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11. This Order shall take effect immediately.


EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 101

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WHEREAS, New Jersey has a reputation nationwide as a prime area for bicycle touring, as exhibited by the thousands of people attracted to annual invitational rides; and

WHEREAS, There are over 20 bicycle clubs in the State, which indicates the popularity of the sport; and

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