environment, coastal issues, handicapped affairs, and recreational sports.

2. All members shall serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor. Council vacancies shall be filled by the Governor as necessary.

3. The Governor shall select from among the members of the Council a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, who shall have all the powers and duties of the Chairperson.

4. The Council shall be empowered to conduct additional public hearings and to accept additional public testimony to continue its work, particularly to study the open space, urban recreation, recreation, and natural resource preservation needs of the citizens of the State of New Jersey for the future and shall submit to the Governor recommendations it deems necessary for providing high quality open space and recreation resources.

5. The Department of Environmental Protection is authorized and directed, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate with the Council and to furnish it with such information, personnel, and assistance as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued October 18, 1988.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 197

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. November 25, 1988, the day following Thanksgiving, shall be granted as a day off to employees who work in the Executive Departments of State Government and who are paid from State funds or from federal funds made available to the State, whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, permit such absence.

2. An alternate day off shall be granted to the aforementioned category of employees whose functions, in the opinion of their appointing authority, preclude such absence on November 25, 1988.