

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 178

WHEREAS, on May 24, 1984, I created by Executive Order No. 72 a Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation, a body composed of Commissioners of various State departments and concerned citizens who have distinguished records in the area of mental retardation and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Council completed a study evaluating the services needed to prevent mental retardation and developmental disabilities and made recommendations in a report to the Administration; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that report, I signed into law on January 20, 1987 legislation (P.L. 1987, c.5) establishing a permanent Office for Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation should continue to serve as an advisory council to the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and to the newly created Office for Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

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. The Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation shall continue in existence until December 31, 1989, and shall be renamed the Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to more accurately reflect the Council's expanded scope of prevention activities.

- a. The Council shall consist of no more than 25 public members appointed by the Governor. The members shall be appointed from among persons representing consumers, professionals in mental retardation and developmental disabilities, and persons representing the private sector.
- b. The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services, Education, Health, Environmental Protection and/or their designees, shall also serve on the Council.
- c. Council vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- d. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Council from

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among the members of the Council. The Chairperson of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

- e. The Council may further organize itself in any manner it deems appropriate and enact by laws as deemed necessary to carry forth the responsibilities of the Council.

2. The Governor's Council on the Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities shall:

- a. Advise the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services and the Office for Prevention of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services;
- b. Mobilize citizens and community agencies to support prevention-related activities;
- c. Develop mechanisms to facilitate early detection;
- d. Foster cooperative working relationships among responsible agencies; and
- e. Provide other information on prevention as the Governor may request.

3. The Council, in performing its charge, shall consult with existing agencies for planning, coordination and delivery of prevention services to families at the State, county and local levels.

4. The Departments of Human Services, Education, Health, and Environmental Protection are authorized and directed, to the extent consistent with the law, to cooperate with the Council and to furnish it with resources necessary to carry out its purposes under this Order.

5. This order shall take effect immediately and shall expire on December 31, 1989.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States, the two hundred and twelfth.

/s/ Thomas H. Kean

GOVERNOR

(seal)

Attest:

/s/ Michael R. Cole

Chief Counsel