

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2010, I signed Executive Order No. 11 (2010) establishing a New Jersey Gaming, Sports and Entertainment Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, for the purpose of developing recommendations to implement a comprehensive, statewide approach concerning the issues and financial needs of the State's gaming, professional sports, and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2010, after receiving the Commission's final report, I signed Executive Order No. 34 (2010) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2011, to support the implementation of the Commission's recommendations that I accepted; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, I signed Executive Order No. 69 (2011) extending the Commission's existence until June 30, 2012, to utilize the Commission's expertise in continuing to execute its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's gaming, sports and entertainment industries continue to be vitally important to the health of the State's economy and to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's tourism industry is equally important to the State's economy and faces many of the same challenges that currently confront the gaming, sports and entertainment industries; and

WHEREAS, I recently introduced executive branch organizational reforms that would reposition the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) within the Department of State (DOS) and would empower the NJSEA to consult, collaborate, and work in partnership with the Division of Travel and Tourism and the Motion Picture and Television Development Commission, within DOS, to coordinate economic

development and promotional and marketing efforts related to tourism, entertainment, and sports; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate to extend the Commission's existence for an additional period to facilitate this important transition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Executive Orders Nos. 34 and 69 are hereby superseded and Paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 11 (2010) is amended to provide that the Commission shall not expire upon the issuance of its final report, but rather shall continue in existence until June 30, 2013, or such other date as I shall establish, in order to continue to support the implementation of its recommendations, to facilitate the repositioning of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority as a lead state agency for the coordination of economic development and promotional and marketing efforts related to tourism, entertainment, and sports, and to engage in any other related matters that are referred to the Commission by me or that meet with my approval.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
29th day of June,
Two Thousand and Twelve,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

[seal]

/s/Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor